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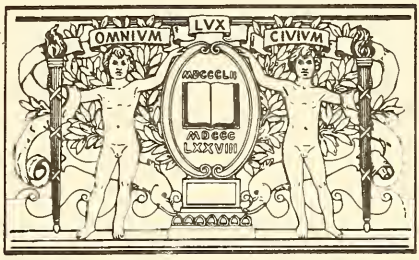

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Like leaves on trees the race of man is found,
Now green in youth, now withering on the ground;
Another race the following spring supplies;
They fall successive and successive rise:
So generations in their course decay;
So flourish these, when those have past away.

POPE'S HOMER.

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GODFREY,
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HOWLAND,
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MACOMBER,
PEARCE,
RICHMOND,
ROGERS,
ROUNSEVILL,
SHEFFIELD,
SHELLEY,
WARREN,
WEAVER,
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PREFACE.

SHOULD any one of the intelligent readers of these pages see the large number of letters annually addressed to the author, and coming from all parts of our country, making inquiry concerning the subjects herein treated upon, he or she might and probably would be led to think that the knowledge I possess (or at least am supposed to) could be profitably invested in book form, and would prove a certain means of making money.

Now whether such conclusion be correct or false, it forms no part of my anticipation and the smallest part of my desire, actuated as I am principally by the wish to be of some service to my fellow men, to do good to the world while in it, and accomplish that which shall prove really beneficial to such as live, move, and have an earthly being, when to sight, and even perhaps to memory, I shall have passed out of the world, that being dead may yet speak, and of that class who neither dread nor fear to have "their works follow them."

Another reason for this act of book-making is, that with only one hand, and that an awkward *left one*, which necessity has pressed into service, I feel

that to answer so many letters as are constantly being addressed to me on biographical, genealogical and historical matters, is a labor I am no longer able to bear.

The author, some twenty years since, collected materials for the publication of a history of Freetown, the place of his nativity, and these arranged in manuscript he still has in possession, the work having never been through the press,* and from which source he has drawn liberally in filling these pages. He has also written brief historic sketches that were printed, of the following Old Colony towns, viz.: Acushnet, Dighton, Fairhaven, Fall River, Hanson, Lakeville, Mattapoiset, Middleboro,' Pembroke, Plympton, Rochester, Somerset, Swansea, Wareham, Westport, and West Bridgewater.

From all these town histories he has also drawn, whenever occasion required, the information needed more fully and completely to illustrate the subject or story of what he has herein attempted to consider, elucidate and explain.

And besides all this, much herein appears that formed no portion of any one of those works, being a part of the results of my gleanings from what aged people could remember; State, County, and Town Records; old books and papers found in garrets, inscriptions upon grave-stones, &c.

The writer can scarcely remember when he was not treasuring up the story of the men and the

* Besides the history of Freetown, I have in manuscript historic sketches of Berkley, Easton, Norton, Rehoboth and Seekonk.

things in time past and present of his immediate neighborhood, and thus gratifying a desire coeval with his powers of recollection, and forming in his mind the history of the locality.

Concerning those old people, the rich treasures of whose storehouse of knowledge have been (in a measure) committed to my trust, I deem it but proper in this connection to mention a few of the most prominent, giving the dates of their deaths, and also their ages, that the reader may the more readily see how far back their memories extended.

Col. Benjamin Weaver,	Freetown,	who d.	April 23, 1838,	in 83d year.
Ebenezer Peirce, Esq.,	"	"	Jan. 6, 1845,	70th "
Capt. John Strange,	"	"	Feb. 7, 1845,	92d "
Mrs. Mercy Hoar,	Middleboro',	"	May 20, 1847,	86th "
Miss Judith Nelson,	Lakeville,	"	Dec. 31, 1858,	90th "
Mrs. Joanna Peirce,	Freetown,	"	Jan. 6th, 1859,	73d "
Mrs. Rhoda Douglass,	"	"	Aug. 31, 1860,	101st "
Mr. Alden Hathaway,	"	"	Sept. 11, 1861,	92d "
Capt. Nathaniel Staples,	Lakeville,	"	July 17, 1862,	86th "
Mr. Earl Sears,	"	"	Aug. 8, 1862,	66th "
Mrs. Sarah Atwood,	Taunton,	"	Oct. 30, 1867,	105th "
Mr. Cyrus Nelson,	Lakeville,	"	Nov. 26, 1869,	77th "
Dr. Bradford Braley,*	Freetown,	"	Feb. 7, 1873.	

Beside these were Lieut. Abner Burt,† of Berkley, whom I "interviewed" when he was almost an hundred years old; Capt. Frederick Winslow, of

* Dr. Braley, while on his way to visit a patient, was thrown from his carriage and instantly killed. Had practised medicine about fifty-six years.

† Lieut. Burt could remember the opening scenes of the American Revolution. He was a government soldier in the forces raised to put down "Shays' Rebellion" in 1786. Of the 3d Regiment of the militia of Bristol Co., Abner Burt was appointed Adjutant Dec. 7, 1795, and held that office until 1810, or about fifteen years. Colonels of that regiment during that period were: Gideon Williams, of Taunton, from 1795; Job Winslow, of Dighton, from Aug. 26, 1798; Thomas Lincoln, of Taunton, from 1805; and Nathaniel Fales, of Taunton, from Aug. 5, 1809.

Fall River; Dr. William Carpenter, and Peleg Hathaway of Freetown, the dates of whose decease are not in my possession, but from all of whom I received very interesting details of what, during their long lives, had by them been witnessed, their eyes had seen, and ears heard, together with the lessons they had learned from experience, that best of schoolmasters. Among the most aged who still live, and whose knowledge I have sought, are Mrs. Abigail Alden, of Bridgewater, in her 95th year; Mr. Cyrus Haskins, of Berkley, in his 84th year; Miss Mercy Brownell, of Fall River, in her 84th year; Miss Dorcas Strange, of Freetown, in her 80th year; and Mr. Howland Peirce, of Freetown, in his 75th year.

If the reader of these pages shall but realize one half the satisfaction in perusing my account of the knowledge thus obtained that the writer did in acquiring it, my book will at least be entertaining.

To some readers there are features in the composition of this book that will doubtless prove unpleasant, disagreeable, and perhaps offensive; but as the writer has sought neither to extenuate or set down ought in malice, he feels that these are not justly attributable to him or should be considered his fault, but rather disagreeable necessities inseparably connected with and forming a part of such a work.

If a woman has given birth to an illegitimate child, and at some period of her life becomes a wife, shall I enumerate the fruit of bastardy with the children of her husband born in wedlock, and thus

perpetuate the most mischievous kind of a falsehood, or shall I omit to name the illegitimate, thus ignoring a part of the truth, and discarding some of the members of the family whose genealogy I am professing to give?

If the vender of "blood stock" is by law and justice liable for damages for the act of misrepresenting the paternal side in the pedigree of a colt or calf, how much less is the moral wrong done by me if I wilfully misrepresent the paternity of a child, or the real injury inflicted on the community? To the mind of the writer, the deception last alluded to is as much worse than the former as the child is of more consequence than calf or colt, or a man in the scale of being higher than a brute.

In all these disagreeable instances where men and women have erred, the just conclusion is,

"'Tis true 'tis pity, and pity is 'tis true;"

and not that the writer has not practised the power of hiding their faults by deception.

The author doubts not that the time will come, and that ere long, when genealogy will be studied as a science, and by the aid of which can and will be as definitely determined the irrevocable laws of nature in human culture, as in agriculture, horticulture, or the raising of live stock. No family's history will then be deemed complete if omitting to notice their inherent weaknesses, mental, moral, physical and intellectual, and these set forth with the same truth that should characterize the family portraits. Then, but not till then, can we learn

what manner of men have been, and be enabled to trace unmistakably effects from their causes.*

The literary world, like the ancient disciples, need a knowledge that they are as yet unable, or at least unwilling, to bear; but the time ought and probably will come, when as now it will not be an offence to say, if you desire a good boy, good girl, reliable young man, chaste wife, faithful friend, seek such only among those of good blood and creditable breed. Is a profound scholar sought? find one in an educated, *intellectual* man, and not to whose barren brain books have ineffectually been brought to supply the omissions of the Almighty, as these always furnish the parrots and trained monkeys of the human race. Or that great desideratum, a *good*† Christian? waste no time in seeking where such are never found, premises where climate and soil are both unsuited for that product; for if people behave well under the most trying circumstances of human life, they owe immeasurably more to the *blood* of their ancestors that has enabled them thus to do, than to that of Jesus Christ, and to a compliance with the laws of the "Most High," as taught in

* The popular theory that in this country property changes and goes out of a family in the third generation, is no more true than that every seventh son is born a doctor. Blood, or breed, more than country, climate, age, condition, or any other circumstance, determines who shall be rich and who poor.

† I have yet to find, or become acquainted with, a good, kind and true person, professing an experimental knowledge of the christian religion, who was not good, kind and true before making that profession; or one who was sordid, selfish, ugly, or treacherous before, that was not so afterwards—the only real change being that deception was added afterwards to hide the inherent defects more honestly acknowledged before. In this age of the world there is no cloak for rascality so cheap, so successful, or so extensively used, as the profession of the christian religion.

his truthful book of nature, than their blind belief in the "Man of Nazareth;" and no words of mine can add to the force of the teaching of precisely this doctrine in the parable of the sower of good seed, that although of the same quality and sown by the same hand, produced widely different results—some thirty, some sixty, and some an hundred fold; and some only sprung up to wither away and the tender plant perish; and because while some seeds fell in a good soil, others fell by the way-side and on stony places, so in anything good or great, look for successful and happy results where sound heads, healthy bodies and honest hearts are employed, as much as you would for an abundant crop on a rich and fertile soil instead of a stonecheap or barren bank of dry sand.

Entertaining such thoughts and opinions, the writer, as he has successively treated upon the personal subjects of this biography, genealogy and history, has felt that from each to him was addressed the language of Cromwell to the limner, "*Paint me as I am,*" or as you have found me while in life to have been, that those who read may thereby profit by the knowledge, and be encouraged to imitate the good and shun the evils of my example.

EBENEZER WEAVER PEIRCE.

ASSONET VILLAGE, FREETOWN, Mass.
December, 1874.

☞ Concerning the twenty different surnames embraced in the "Contributions," very little has ever before appeared in print. The writer some years since prepared for the New-England Hist. and Gen. Register, brief genealogical accounts of the Barnaby and Rounsevill families, and the transatlantic history of the Warren family was published in book form several years ago.

INTRODUCTION.

"Honour thy Father and thy Mother."
"The Fathers, where are they?"

About four years since, the writer of these genealogies and compiler of these family histories published, in book form, what after years of research he had been able to collect concerning that part or portion of the family of his ancestors bearing his surname, and that labor done, that filial duty accomplished, felt that more could not reasonably be expected or properly required of him towards rescuing from oblivion their names and fair fame, and embalming the knowledge of their acts and virtues.

That work was put forth under numerous difficulties, almost sufficient at times to prevent further progress and defeat its proper consummation, beset as I was by opposition and discouragements, such obstacles as attend few conceptions or births in mind or matter, the labors of soul or body, head or heart, spiritual or natural, physical or intellectual.

Some of the difficulties then encountered were enumerated in the Preface, and some must be so apparent to any one acquainted with my maimed body and mutilated condition as to require no mention; and there were yet others more trying of which I then said nothing, and concerning which I purpose even now to attempt no description, as then and now my pen was and is too feeble to portray and my tongue lacks the command of language to express. Suffice it say, every heart knows its own bitterness, and a stranger intermeddleth not with its joys.

And that this labor was not like that of the fabled mountain, which after painful travail brought forth a mouse, I am well assured by the manner in which the fruits of that labor were received both in my family and out of it, those who bore my surname and those who did not, my kindred according to the flesh and strangers, foreigners and aliens to me and my country, friends and foes, sympathizers and enemies, men, women, and even children, searchers after the truth for truth's sake, novel readers and scandal mongers.

But like a young and happy mother, so have I been prone to forget the pains of travail in viewing, possessing and contemplating the fruits of my labor — not the money acquired by that effort, but the assurance that it was a "labor of love" I was deemed worthy to suffer in the performance of. And as did the early christian worthies who thanked God that they were accounted worthy to suffer grievous persecutions for the truth's sake, so have I that I was endowed with enough of the spirit of self-sacrifice, filial love and reverence, devotion, determination, perseverance and patience to accomplish that laborious, painful and otherwise unrequited task.

These reflections have been to me a constant, never-failing source of comfort, and by the contemplation I have been led to feel that at least in some good degree I deserved to be the child of so good a man and worthy a woman as he who as a father I highly honored, and she the mother I dearly loved.

By many I am regarded with a pity, savoring strongly with contempt, that I should be so silly as to devote such a large portion of my time to labors that pay nothing; but to all such let it suffice to say, "I have a meat ye know not of;" your sympathies are lost on me; devote your wisdom to some other subject, one that you are better able to understand, and your jibes, sarcasms and mock sympathies on one more likely to be influenced, or those who never had an original thought or idea in the whole course of their lives, or would dare express it if they had.

These considerations have prompted me to attempt the publication of the genealogies of families of other names than my own, but with which I am allied or connected by the ties of blood, persuaded as I am that if I do not do this it will not be done, and to omit it would probably result in the loss of the information I had collected concerning them.

These facts, need I say, have been derived from a great number of sources, and first, and to me the dearest if not highest authority, was my mother, who from my earliest childhood cultivated in my mind a thirst for useful knowledge; and she — possessing a strong, well-balanced mind, retentive memory and communicative spirit — from the rich storehouse of her own knowledge, like a "faithful treasurer," was able to "bring forth" much "both new and old" that it was gratifying for me to hear, and because interested in the subjects, easy to remember.

My mother's father, who had been an officer in the revolutionary war, died when I was a boy in my teens, yet had I drawn from him many stories of "*ye old tyme*," days long since fled, and had cultivated such a taste for this kind of inquiry as to enter upon a system of extracting from every old person who would submit to the process, all I could get of what they had heard or seen, knew or believed, hoped or dreaded, enjoyed or suffered, and particularly of a local character and really biographical and historical type.*

It pains me as I call to mind and reflect that scores such old people to whom I owe so much, are now dead; their mouths are closed, and have for all time ceased utterance; no further testimony will they bear for my information or gratification, nor will their tongues again be loosed

* Mr. Sylvester Briggs, a boot and shoe maker at Assonet Village in Freetown, says that the writer, when a young child, dressed in frock and petticoats, and being led by my father, came into his shoe-shop and attracted his attention by my inquisitiveness, that he then thought he had never seen such a child to ask questions in his life. I well remember when I had fatigued my grandfather with numerous questionings, how he would rebuke with the stereotyped phrase, "Little boys should be seen and not heard."

till their testimony is required at the summons of their Maker, Author and Creator, before the awful throne of the eternal and everlasting God, time having ended and the dread assizes of eternity begun.

Another source of information has been antique books, ancient documents and old papers, which to obtain a sight at and the perusal of, has caused me to spend a great many hours, days, and perhaps weeks, in old garrets, where amid partial darkness, in seclusion, cobwebs and dust, knowledge has been sought under difficulties; and last, not least, graveyards, where from under the thick moss of long neglected tomb-stones I have resurrected and renewed the knowledge of facts that astonished those informed almost as much as would a restoration of the lost arts, and leading them almost to doubt the testimony of that wise man who said "there is nothing new under the sun," for the knowledge being new to them they felt must be new to every body else, and could scarcely be prevailed on to believe that these facts in their immediate neighborhoods and on their own hearth-stones, were once as familiar as household words, but for years had been hidden from the eye by moss and obscured from the mind by the impenetrable darkness of oblivion. Therefore, gentle readers,

"Since to these memories I trust
You'll give a friendly greeting,
My pen shall do its very best
To cage them while they're fleeting."

With the humble hope and trust that what herein appears may encourage all readers to obey and practise the commandment, "Honour thy Father and thy Mother," and thereby secure the promise of "length of days," as also to aid in the honest acquirement of riches and the proper encouragement of honors, I am

Respectfully and truly yours,

THE AUTHOR.

THE BARNABY FAMILY.

In our researches concerning the history and genealogy of the Barnaby Family, we have been content with an effort to learn what with due application, proper patience and perseverance might reasonably be hoped to be acquired or attained, viz.: a tolerably correct knowledge of the several successive generations that have lived, moved and had their earthly being in America.

Of its transatlantic history we have sought to acquire nothing, as that was entirely beyond our means, not coming within the length of our "cable tow." To learn who was the Adam of the Barnaby race we leave to those with the necessary time and means at command, coupled with a thirst for such a knowledge, and advise them to *travel east* in the pursuit of such information, reserving to ourself the task of beginning with the Noah of the name, he who first or earliest appears as the head of the American branch of the family, the grand patriarch on this side of the deluge of waters that separate American descendants from European ancestors.

To heraldry we have given no thought or attention, convinced as we are that those families of whom we write, if entitled to or ever possessed of a *real* (not bogus) coat of arms, they are of an extremely small and select list of such in this country, and to learn the truth of such claim would require even a more prolonged research, and going further back in the dusty records of the dim and distant past than most of them could be proved as families to have have had "a local habitation" or a name.

James Barnaby, of Plymouth, is the first or earliest of the Barnaby family in America (or indeed in the whole world, so far as our investigations have enabled us to learn), and with him as the alpha, first, the beginning, father and ancestor of the race, we commence. And at the outset, let us ask all his lineal descendants to praise him and honor his memory, that (whether himself from an ancestry good, bad or indifferent) he conferred on posterity, his children's children, to endless generations, the great, inestimable benefit and favor naturally arising from marrying a wife of good blood family or breed, and thus transmitting as a legitimate inheritance a priceless treasure, the boon of inherent virtue, which in fact is the only way that such ever becomes a reliable possession, or a fixed principle instead of an outward form, a mere pretension and hollow profession.

The earliest notice that we have found of James Barnaby was in the record of a trial and conviction in the Old Colony, under date of Feb. 6, 1666. The entry was as follows:

"In reference vnto the complaint of Nathaniell Warren againſt James Barnabey vpon ſuſpision that the ſaid Barnabey either burned a peell of pyne knotes appertaining to ſaid Warren or that the ſaid Barnabey concealed the burning of them, the Court haue awarded the ſaid Barnabey to pay or cause to be payed vnto the ſaid Nathaniel Warren the ſum of forty shillings."

A little less than twelve years later, we find, under date of Oct. 30, 1677, this record:

"In reference vnto the diſpose of the eſtate of James Barnabey deceaſed the Court haue ordered that Lydia his wife shall haue the mouables of the ſaid eſtate on condition as followeth. Viz: that whereas the ſaid Lydia Barnabey is to join in marriage with John Nelſon of Plymouth late of Middleberry if therefore the ſaid John Nelſon with Lydia his wife doe according to this pre'nt engagement keep and bringe up the two children of the ſaid James Barnabey Vntill they attain the age of fourteen yeers and then doe pay to each of them or to such as may be ordered by the Court to receive it for them Six pound a peece in current silver money of New England that then they the ſaid John Nelſon and Lydia his wife are to haue as followeth viz:

the faid Lydia the mouables of the faid eſtate as aforeſaid and the faid John Nelſon to haue and injoy the lands of the faid eſtate vntill the children come of age and the Court doe order and appoint according to the desire of the faid Lydia Barnabey that her two bretheren Viz: Benjamine Bartlett and Joseph Bartlett to be overſeers to ſee the faid conditions made good and accomplished, for and in the behalfe and to the vſe and benefitt of faid children."

About seven years later, viz., on the last Tuesday in October, 1684, James Barnaby, son of James Barnaby, deceased, made choice of his father-in-law,* John Nelson, and Thomas Faunce, to be his guardians.

From the best evidence that we have been able to obtain, James Barnaby, the son, was born in or near 1670, and if so, was about seven years of age at the date of his father's decease; Stephen, his brother, probably a little older.

Lydia, the wife of James Barnaby, Sen., was a daughter of Robert Bartlett, of Plymouth, and wife Mary Warren. Lydia was the sixth daughter and eighth and youngest child of her parents, and born June 8, 1647, and must therefore have been about thirty years of age when made a widow by the death of her first husband, James Barnaby. The precise date of either of her marriages, or that of her death, I have never learned. As in connection with this we purpose to publish an account of the Bartlett family, so a further consideration of the race to which Lydia Bartlett Barnaby belonged, will now be deferred and left to appear in its appropriate place.

James Barnaby† and wife Lydia Bartlett had:

(2) Stephen, b. ——, 16—; m. twice: first, in 1696, Ruth Morton, and second, in 1710, Mrs. Judith Church.

* At that date John Nelson resided at Middleboro'. He was a Selectman of that town in 1682, '83, '85 and '86; Constable in 1684.

† After the death of James Barnaby, Lydia, his widow, became the wife of John Nelson, of Middleboro'. She was Nelson's second wife. His first wife was Sarah, a daughter of Henry Wood, of Middleboro'. They were married Nov. 28, 1667. She died March 4, 1675.

Her maiden name was Judith Harlow, b. Aug. 2, 1676, and married for her first husband Joseph Church, of Plymouth. She was the youngest daughter of Sergeant William Harlow, and born of his third wife, Mary Shelley. [See Shelley Genealogy.]

(3) James, b. ——, 1670; m. Joanna Harlow, a daughter of Sergeant William Harlow, of Plymouth, and wife Mary Shelley. Joanna was born in Plymouth, March 24, 1669; died in Freetown, Sept. 4, 1725. James Barnaby died in Freetown, July 5, 1726. He was a cordwainer. He made a will June 22, 1726, and gave to his daughter Lydia Perry thirty pounds, and to son Ambrose Barnaby all his real estate, consisting of a farm in Freetown that he purchased of Lieut. Nicholas Morey for thirteen hundred pounds, Feb. 18, 1725, being the date of the deed, or about one hundred and fifty years ago, and yet the property is still held by his lineal descendants, having never passed out of their possession, ownership or name.

Stephen Barnaby (No. 2) and wife Ruth Morton had:

(4) Lydia, b. ——.
(5) Ruth, b. ——.
(6) Elizabeth, b. ——.
(7) Timothy, b. ——; m. Martha ——.
(8) Hannah, b. ——.

By second wife, Judith Harlow Church, had:

(9) Joseph, b. ——; m. Lydia ——.

James Barnaby (No. 3) and wife Joanna Harlow had:

(10) James, b. ——, 1698; was dead before 1726.

(11) Ambrose, b. ——, 1706; m. July 4, 1728, Elizabeth Gardiner, of Swansey. He died April 18, 1775. She died Jan. 28, 1788. She was a daughter of Samuel Gardiner, of Swansey, and Hannah his wife, and born Nov. 11, 1708, about eleven of the clock in the forenoon. Her grand-

father was Lieut. Samuel Gardiner, of Newport, Freetown and Swansey. He died in Swansey, Dec. 8, 1696.

(12) Lydia, b. ——; m, —— Perry. James the parent and Joanna his wife were buried in the town burial ground, near "Mother's Brook," so called, and both have gravestones bearing inscriptions, and these are among the oldest sepulchral monuments in Freetown or Fall River.

Timothy Barnaby (No. 7) and wife Martha had:

(13) Stephen, b. Oct. 13, 1728.

(14) Ruth, b. Nov. 11, 1735.

Joseph Barnaby (No. 9) and wife Lydia had:

(15) Joseph, b. July 24, 1736.

Capt. Ambrose Barnaby (No. 11) and wife Elizabeth Gardiner had:

(16) Mary, b. Feb. 11, 1729; died Oct. 15, 1742.

(17) James, b. Oct. 11, 1730; m. Lois Hedge.

(18) Joanna, b. June 26, 1733; m. Sunday evening, Nov. 4, 1753, Capt. Benjamin Weaver, of Swansey and Freetown. He was drowned in or about 1756, and in 1758 she married Col. Sylvester Childs, of Warren, R. I. She died May 18, 1773. Buried in Warren, R. I.

(19) Samuel, b. April 20, 1735; m. Oct. 2, 1757, Sylvia, a daughter of John Winslow, of Freetown. Samuel Barnaby was Town Clerk of Freetown five years, Selectman six years, Assessor nine years, and one of the Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety two years, in "the days that tried men's souls."

(20) Elizabeth, b. Feb. 9, 1738; m. twice; first, Feb. 9, 1763, Ensign Barnabas Canedy, of Taunton; m. second, Elijah Burt, of Berkley. She committed suicide by drowning herself in a tub of water, 1784. Of the fifth company in the local militia of Taunton Canedy was commissioned Ensign in or about 1772—Elijah Macomber being captain and Israel Dean lieutenant.

(21) Lydia, b. Nov. 7, 1740; m. twice: first, Aug. 21, 1761, Nathan Simmons, Jr., of Freetown; second, George Brightman, Esq., of Freetown, Nov. 25, 1775. He was captain of the second company in the militia of Freetown, commissioned about 1755. Made a Justice of the Peace in February, 1765.

(22) Mary, b. Dec. 29, 1744; m. Sept. 13, 1772, Daniel Wilbur, of Swansey. She died Aug. 30, 1803.

(23) Ambrose, b. Feb. 11, 1745; m. three times: first, Sept. 3, 1769, Elizabeth Wilbur, of Swansey; second, in 1779, Phylena Burt, of Berkley; third, in 1792, Abigail Williams, of Taunton. He was commissioned Ensign of the second company of militia in Freetown in July, 1771. He was a Selectman of that town fourteen years, Assessor one year, Moderator of the annual town meeting ten years, Representative to General Court one year, and Town Treasurer two years. He died June 8, 1802.

(24) Sarah, b. May 20, 1748; m. ——, 1776, James Winslow, of Freetown. She died December, 1808. He died April 9, 1836.

Capt. Ambrose Barnaby, the parent, was a Selectman of Freetown five years, Assessor four years, Town Clerk ten years, Moderator of annual town meeting three years. He was a great land holder, for added to the large tract inherited from his father, he made the following purchases, viz.: May 24, 1754, for thirty-one pounds he bought of Joshua Hathaway, of Freetown, blacksmith, thirty-seven and a half acres of land in the 15th lot; Aug. 18, 1757, he bought of Nathan Simmons, of Freetown, mariner, seven acres of land in the 15th lot, for twenty pounds; Dec. 12, 1758, for 376 Spanish milled dollars, he bought of Richard Ward ninety-four acres in the 15th lot; and Feb. 3, 1760, for 420 pounds, he bought of Gershom Dodson, husbandman, a lot of one hundred and thirteen acres, and three smaller pieces, all in the 12th lot, in Freetown, now Fall River.

Capt. Barnaby, with his brother-in-law, Dr. John Turner, and Samuel Reed, all of Freetown, and William Hall, Esq.,

of Little Compton, under date of Sept. 16, 1747, purchased fifty-three acres in the 12th lot, of John Davis, that they gave for a Parsonage Farm for the Rev. Silas Brett. The will of Capt. Barnaby bore date of Feb. 18, 1774. Gave to Elizabeth, his wife, all his household goods and indoor movables, one-third of his cattle, sheep and hogs, one-third of farming tools, and all at her disposal. Also, one-third of farm-house. After her death the third of house to go to son Ambrose. Son Samuel to have all his land in the 12th lot, and one half the land in the 15th lot, beginning at the head or easterly end of land formerly owned by Richard Ward, and running easterly to the head of the 15th lot, and also a piece once owned by Jonathan Winslow in the 16th lot. Also half of wearing apparel, and one-third of cattle, sheep, hogs and horses, and one-third of indoor movables. Son Samuel to pay daughter Sarah two hundred dollars within six months, and to daughters Lydia and Mary fifty Spanish milled dollars. Son Ambrose the remainder of 15th lot, and one half of wearing apparel, one-third of stock of cattle, sheep, hogs and horses, and one male negro named "FORTUNE," who after sixteen years was to be set free, decently clothed and given a life-lease of fifteen acres of land in 15th lot. Son Ambrose to be sole executor, and to pay grandchildren named Childs, 40 Spanish milled dollars; grandson* Benjamin Weaver 10 dollars; and to daughter Elizabeth Canedy 50 dollars. To children of son James Barnaby, viz., Jonathan 250 dollars, James 350 dollars, and Ambrose 300 dollars, when they arrive to the age of twenty-one years, and to their sisters Hannah, Sarah and Elizabeth, each 50 dollars. Son Ambrose to have notes, bonds, bills and book accounts, and he to pay debts and funeral charges. A part of the house now standing upon the Barnaby place in Freetown, was built by Capt. Barnaby, and a part by his son

* The reason why Benjamin Weaver had only ten dollars, probably was that his grandfather had brought up and educated him. He was the Capt. Benjamin Weaver of the Revolutionary War, and subsequently Lieut.-Colonel.

Ambrose. Tradition informs us that Capt. Barnaby was an extremely liberal man; that in his house he dispensed a generous hospitality hardly equalled and never excelled in this section of country. We cannot learn that he ever made any profession of religion, yet his disbursements towards sustaining the preaching of the gospel in Freetown were larger than those made by any one who did.

The fifteen acres assigned to the negro were at a place now called the "Foxfields," or "Three-tree Orchard," adjacent to the road from the Highland place to Dr. Durfee's mills in the Wardell settlement.

James Barnaby (No. 17) and wife Lois Hedge had:

(25) Hannah, b. Dec. 11, 1757; m. 1779, Thomas Lawton. She became insane.

(26) Jonathan, b. ——, 17—; m. Phebe Read, of Freetown. He became partially insane.

(27) James, b. ——, 17—; m.

(28) Ambrose, b. ——, 17—; m.

(29) Sarah, b. ——; m.

(30) Elizabeth, b. ——; m.

Capt. Benjamin Weaver and wife Joanna Barnaby (No. 18) had:

(31) Benjamin, b. June 25, 1755; m. 1783, Amy, a daughter of Joseph Brownell, Esq., of Portsmouth, R. I. She died May 20, 1804. He died April 23, 1838. He was a soldier in the patriot army of the war of the Revolution; commissioned Captain in 1781; promoted to Lieut.-Colonel, July 10, 1788. He was Selectman of Freetown one year; Assessor five years; Town Treasurer twenty-nine years; Justice of the Peace for Bristol County thirty-three years.

When far advanced in years, Col. Weaver married Miss Eleanor Albro, of Troy, now Fall River. She died in 1838.

A daughter of Col. Benjamin Weaver and first wife, Amy Brownell, was born in Assonet Village, Freetown, Mass., May 8, 1786, and named Joanna. She was united in marriage, April 24, 1803, with Ebenezer Peirce, Esq., of Freetown, a son of Capt. Job Peirce, of Middleboro'. Ebenezer Peirce, Esq., and wife Joanna, were the parents of the writer of this genealogy and family history. No children by Col. Weaver's second marriage with Eleanor Albro.

Col. Sylvester Childs and wife Joanna Barnaby Weaver (No. 18) had:

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Sylvester Childs, the parent, was commissioned Colonel in a regiment of the local militia of Rhode Island in 1764, but in the war of the Revolution he took the patriot side. Thos. Church was his Lieut.-Colonel and N. Coggshall Major.

Samuel Barnaby (No. 19) and wife Sylvia Winslow had:

(34) John, b. Dec. 20, 1757; died Oct. 1759.
(35) Joanna, b. March 10, 1759. [Freetown Records.]
(36) Lydia, b. Nov. 28, 1760; m. Oct. 28, 1781, Nathaniel Foster, Jr., of Middleboro'. [Freetown Records.]
(37) Nathan, b. Dec. 16, 1762. [Freetown Records.]
(38) Harlow, b. Sept. 15, 1764; m. Susan Edson, of Hardwick, Mass. [Freetown Records and tradition.]
(39) Betty, b. Sept. 8, 1766; died May 6, 1771.
(40) Joseph, b. Jan. 16, 1769. [Freetown Records.]
(41) Hannah, b. Jan. 20, 1771. [Freetown Records.]
(42) Lois, b. June 13, 1773; m. Jesse Browning.

Sylvia, the mother, was a daughter of John Winslow, of Freetown, and wife Betty Hathaway. Sylvia was b. March 10, 1734; granddaughter of Lieut. Job Winslow, and great-granddaughter of Kanelm Winslow, an emigrant and brother of Gov. Edward. Lieut. Job Winslow died July 14, 1720.

For what appears concerning Samuel Barnaby and family, I am indebted to the town records of Freetown, and his grandson Ambrose Barnaby, of the State of Michigan.

Ensign Barnabas Canedy and wife Elizabeth Barnaby (No. 20) had no children.

Ensign Barnabas Canedy was a son of Capt. William Canedy, of East Taunton. Capt. William greatly distinguished himself as an officer in the Indian war waged in what is now the State of Maine, in 1723. William Canedy, Jr., a brother of Barnabas, was a Lieutenant in the French and Indian war in or about 1758, and made Captain of the 4th company in the local militia of Middleboro', in 1773, John Nelson being his Lieutenant. Canedy being a tory was dismissed from his office and the place filled by commissioning Job Peirce* as Captain, May 9, 1776. No children by second husband, Lieut. Elijah Burt. After the death of Elizabeth, Elijah Burt removed to the town of Savoy, Berkshire Co., Mass., and married again.†

Daniel Wilbur and wife Mary Barnaby (No. 22) had:

(43) Daniel, b. Jan. 28, 1773; d. Feb. 24, 1844.
(44) James, b. April 20, 1774; d. Oct. 6, 1848.
(45) Ambrose, b. Aug. 1, 1775; d. in infancy.
(46) Elizabeth, b. Feb. 15, 1777; d. Aug. 4, 1861.
(47) Barnaby, b. Feb. 4, 1779; d. March 5, 1856.
(48) Mary, b. Feb. 6, 1781; d. April 1, 1846.
(49) William, b. Oct. 24, 1783; d. April 13, 1868.
(50) Hanan, b. Aug. 5, 1785; d. Sept. 18, 1845.
(51) Anna, b. May 23, 1788; d. in infancy.

Thanks due Hon. Daniel Wilbur, of Somerset, for what is given of the family of Daniel and Mary.

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* Grandfather to the writer of this genealogy and family history. He was also a Captain in the Revolutionary Army. Died July 22, 1819, aged nearly 82 years.

† Lieut. Elijah Burt and wife Abigail had three children, whose names are on the Town Records of Berkley.

Ensign Ambrose Barnaby (No. 23) and wife Elizabeth Wilbur had:

(52) Daniel, b. March 23, 1770; m. ——, 1792, Hopestill Mason, of Warren, R. I.

(53) Nancy, b. Dec. 11, 1771; m. Dr. Cornelius Tobey, of Swansey, and of Freetown. They lived on the place afterwards owned by Isaac N. Hathaway, near the Railroad Bridge, on road to Fall River. Dr. Tobey died Sept. 10, 1807.

(54) Sarah, b. Sept. 14, 1774; died young. [Freetown Records and tradition.]

By second wife Phylena Burt, had:

(55) Sarah, b. Oct. 31, 1780; m. Nov. 21, 1801, Capt. Enoch Tobey,* of Berkley, a master mariner. He was a son of Sam'l Tobey, Esq.,† and grandson of Rev. Samuel Tobey, settled as a minister in Berkley, Nov. 23, 1737, and continued in that office until his death, Feb. 13, 1781—the long term of nearly forty-four years. Sarah, the wife, died Oct. 8, 1820, aged about forty years. They lived near the Berkley and Dighton bridge.

(56) Ambrose,‡ b. April 10, 1785; m. May 18, 1806, Ruth Evans, of Freetown. He died May 26, 1820, aged about 35 years. Of the first company of the local militia of Freetown he was commissioned Ensign, March 9, 1804; Job

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* One of the first vehicles called "a chaise," if not the first owned by an inhabitant of Berkley, was the property of Capt. Enoch Tobey, and for stealing his horse and that chaise Thomas Gregory, of Berkley, was sentenced to and for a time confined in the Massachusetts State Prison at Charlestown. He was b. July 3, 1779.

The writer's mother told him that up to 1796 no one in what is now Freetown owned a chaise, but that Charles Durfee, Esq., in that part now Fall River, bought one at or a little before that date. He was father to Dr. Nathan Durfee.

† Was generally known as Judge Tobey, being one of the Justices of the Inferior Court for Bristol County. Also member of the State Senate.

‡ He owned and occupied the present residence of Alden Hathaway, in Assonet. Was succeeded as Captain by his cousin, Joseph Weaver, June, 1811; and the latter being promoted to Major in April, 1812, Lynde Hathaway was made Captain. While holding the position of Captain of this company, Job Peirce, Jr., died, and was buried with military honors. He died Sept. 22, 1805, and was uncle to the writer of this genealogy.

Peirce, Jr., being Captain and Joseph E. Read Lieutenant. Promoted to Lieutenant Aug. 16, 1806, Joseph E. Read being Captain and Thomas Burbank Ensign; and to Captain Aug. 5, 1807, with Burbank Lieutenant and John Terry Ensign. Honorably discharged, March, 1811. He was Deputy Sheriff for Bristol County.

(57) James, b. June 25, 1787; m. ——, 1810, Abigail Burt, of Berkley. He was liberally educated, and became a Baptist minister. Was a graduate of Brown University, Providence, R. I., in 1809; wife was a daughter of Simeon Burt, of Berkley. He is still preaching in Harwich, Mass.

(58) Stephen, b. April 6, 1789; m. Oct. 28, 1810, Lucy Hathaway of Freetown. He died Oct. 8, 1844. She died 1861. He was a farmer, and owned and occupied the old homestead of his father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He was a Selectman of Freetown one year, and Assessor seven years. The old mansion house is still standing, and owned by the fourth generation.

No children by third wife, Abigail Williams, of Taunton.

James Winslow and wife Sarah Barnaby (No. 24) had:

(59) James, b. 1778; d. July 11, 1782. [See gravestone.]

(60) Betsey, b. ———, 17—; m. Dec. 22, 1796, John Hathaway, of Freetown. She died Aug. 19, 1851.

(61) James, b. April 2, 1783; d. April 19, 1783. [See gravestone.]

(62) Barnaby, b. May 10, 1784; m. Jan. 25, 1816, Mrs. Sally Morey, of Plymouth. He d. Aug. 13, 1872.

(63) Kanelm, b. Feb. 26, 1787; m. Sarah Hoar, of Middleboro', now Lakeville. He d. Jan. 17, 1865. She d. July 6, 1865; b. Nov. 30, 1793.

(64) Sally, b. ———, 17—; d. Jan. 18, 1800.

James Winslow, the parent, was a son of Lieut.-Col. James Winslow, of Freetown, and wife Charity Hodges,

and born Sept. 2, 1748. He was a grandson of Capt. Josiah Winslow and wife Margaret Tisdale; great-grandson of Kanelm Winslow, Jr., and great-great-grandson of Kanelm Winslow, the emigrant, a brother of Gov. Edward Winslow.

Thomas Lawton and wife Hannah Barnaby (No. 25) had:

(65) Robert, b.
(66) Son
(67) Son
(68) Son

Harlow Barnaby (No. 38) and wife Susan Edson had:

(69) Sylvia, b. 1791; m. 1812, Ebenezer Bowman, of Westford, Vt.
(70) Harriet, b. 1793; m. 1814, Benjamin Taylor, of Westford, Vt.
(71) Alanson, b. 1795.
(72) Ambrose, b. Feb. 8, 1797; removed first to the State of New York, and then to Michigan; m. in 1821, Salome Taylor, of Binghamton, N. Y.
(73) Samuel G., b. 1799; m. —— Cushing, of ———.
(74) Hannah, b. 1801; m. Lewis Tucker, of ———.
(75) Susan, b. 1803; m. —— Seely, of ———.
(76) Mary Ann, b. 1805.
(77) Clarisa, b. 1807; m. Doct. Hiram H. Heath, of Seneca Falls, N. Y.
(78) Edson, b. 1809.

Thanks due Ambrose Barnaby (No. 72) for what appears concerning the children of Harlow Barnaby.

Daniel Barnaby (No. 43) and wife Hopestill Mason had:

(79) Daniel, b. ———; m. —— Winslow, of Swanzey.
(80) Gardiner, b.
(81) Ambrose, b.

Dr. Cornelius Tobey and wife Nancy Barnaby (No. 53) had:

(82) Elizabeth, b. June 30, 1793; m. March 1, 1812, Isaac N. Hathaway, of Freetown. He d. Aug. 1, 1833. He was a son of Ensign Silas Hathaway, and b. July 28, 1786.

(83) Frederick, b. April 11, 1795; m. no one.

(84) Elisha N., b. Oct. 12, 1797; m. Elizabeth A. Foley.

Capt. Enoch Tobey and wife Sarah Barnaby (No. 55) had:

(85) Sally, b. 18—; m. —— Stow.

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Capt. Ambrose Barnaby (No. 55) and wife Ruth Evans had:

(91) Ambrose, b. Oct. 1807; d. July 27, 1808.

(92) Phylena, b. 1808; d. Aug. 10, 1815.

(93) Ellen, b. 18—; m. George Clark.

(94) Phylena, b. 18—; m. —— Grey.

Rev. James Barnaby (No. 57) and wife Abigail Burt had:

(95) James, b. 18—; m.

(96) Simeon, b. 18—; m.

(97) Samuel S., b. 18—; m. Sarah Helen Vaughan, of Freetown. They reside in New York.

(98) Thomas, b. ———, 18—; m. Adaline Fish, of Fairhaven.

(99) Abigail, b. 18—; m. —— Saunders.

(100) Phylena, b. 18—; m. —— Baker.

James Barnaby, the parent, has been a minister of the gospel more than sixty years, and still continues in active

duty at Harwich, Mass. He is one of the oldest living graduates of Brown University.

Stephen Barnaby (No. 58) and wife Lucy Hathaway had:

(101) Stephen B., b. July 20, 1811; m. Mary A. Sampson.

(102) Sally D., b. Nov. 13, 1813; d. Jan. 15, 1823.

(103) Ambrose, b. April 26, 1816; d. May 9, 1816.

(104) Phylena B., b. May 14, 1817; d. Aug. 8, 1844.

(105) Lucy, b. Sept. 13, 1819; d. May 22, 1822.

(106) Joanna H., b. Sept. 19, 1821; m. Wm. H. Ashley, Esq., of Fall River. He has represented that place in the General Court. Has a clothing store in Fall River.

(107) Sarah D., b. Nov. 12, 1823; m. Maj. Gen. John Gould, of Middletown, R. I. Member of State Senate.

(108) Ambrose, b. Jan. 12, 1826; m. Phebe Caswell, of Fairhaven.

(109) Nancy T., b. April 15, 1828; m. George H. Dean, of Freetown. They reside in Assonet Village.

(110) Lucy, b. April 15, 1828; m. John B. Bradley, of Providence, where they reside.

(111) Jerathmal B., b. Oct. 27, 1830; m. Josephine Raynold, of Providence. Is a member of the City Council.

(112) Abner J., b. May 23, 1834; m. Dec. 31, 1863, B. Jennie Wallace, of Ashburnham, Mass. He graduated from "Pierce Academy," at Middleboro', in 1853; was a member of Providence City Council, 1866, and School Committee, 1867, and continues in both offices to the present time, viz., 1874.

(113) Harriet A. S., b. April 4, 1838; m. Byron Smith, of Natick, R. I.

Ambrose Barnaby (No. 72) and wife Salome Taylor had:

(114) Henry, b. ———, 18—; was a Corporal in the 17th Michigan Infantry in the late war of the Rebellion,

served in the State of Tennessee in 2d Brigade,* 1st Division, 9th Army Corps, where the writer saw him and made his acquaintance.

Samuel S. Barnaby (No. 97) and wife Sarah Helen Vaughan had:

(115) Estella, b. 185–.

William H. Ashley, Esq., and wife Joanna H. Barnaby (No. 106) had:

(116) Sarah Jane, b. Oct. 15, 1843; m. Charles A. Clark, of Taunton, June 30, 1868.

(117) Stephen B., b. Sept. 9, 1845; d. at the age of 4 years, Dec. 20, 1849.

(118) Stephen B., b. Dec. 25, 1850; m. February 18, 1874, Mary H. R. Davoll, of Fall River.

Maj. Gen. John Gould and wife Sally Barnaby (No. 107) had:

(119) A daughter. Died in infancy.

(120) A daughter. Died in infancy.

(121) Thomas, b. Dec. —, 1862.

Gen. John Gould, as Major General, commanded all the local militia of the State of Rhode Island. He has also been elected to a seat in the senate of Rhode Island.

George H. Dean and wife Nancy T. Barnaby (No. 109) had:

(122) S. Barnaby, b. July 29, 1855.

(123) George, b. May 31, 1860.

(124) Lucy B., b. July 10, 1862.

(125) A son, b. Jan. 1, 1865; d. Jan. 1, 1865.

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* The writer of this work then commanded that Brigade and for a time the Division.

John B. Bradley and wife Lucy Barnaby (No. 110) had:

(126) Isadora H., b. March, 1850; d. April, 1851.
(127) Isadora H., b. Feb. 9, 1852.
(128) William, b. Oct. 19, 1854.

Jerathmal B. Barnaby (No. 111) and wife Josephine Raynold had:

(129) Mabel, b. Dec. 25, 1859.
(130) Hattie, b. April 27, 1865.
(131) Maud J., b. March 28, 1870.

Abner J. Barnaby (No. 112) and wife B. Jennie Wallace had:

(132) Stephen A., b. July 12, 1865; d. July 19, 1865.
(133) Phylena, b. Nov. 20, 1866.
(134) A son, b. June 10, 1868; d. June 12, 1868.
(135) Grace E., b. April 21, 1873.

Jennie the mother is a daughter of Dr. M. Wallace, of Ashburnham, Mass. She was born in Winchenden, Mass., June 15, 1841.

Jerathmal B. (No. 111) and Abner J. Barnaby (No. 112) have as business men been singularly successful. Both are carrying on an extensive trade in custom and ready-made clothing in Providence, R. I., and realizing the truth of the proverb, "The hand of the diligent maketh rich." Like most men of mark in the world, they were blest with a remarkably good mother. Streams do not naturally rise higher than their fountains; they may be made to do so, it is true; but where outside influences cease to operate water again seeks its level. And so with human nature. Whoever selects a bad woman for a mother to his children, poisons the stream at the fountain and entails a curse on many succeeding generations, if not, indeed, upon his race for all coming time.

THE BARTLETT FAMILY.

ROBERT BARTLETT came to this country as a passenger in the ship ANN, arriving in 1623. His wife was Mary, the oldest daughter of Richard Warren, a Pilgrim who came over in the MAYFLOWER in 1620. Robert Bartlett and Mary Warren were united in the bands of wedlock in 1628. He died in 1676, aged 73 years, and must have been born in or about 1603. His wife survived him a few years.

ROBERT BARTLETT and wife MARY WARREN had:

(2) Benjamin, b. ———, 16—; m. ———, 1656, Sarah, a daughter of Love Brewster, of Duxbury, where Benjamin and wife settled, and he was made a Selectman of that town eleven years, Representative to the General Court one year. He died in 1691, and his farm was valued at £140, and other property £250.

(3) Joseph, b. ——, 1638; m.

(4) Rebecca, b. ——, 16—; m. Dec. 20, 1649, Sergeant William Harlow. She d. ——, and he m. Mary Faunce; and after her death Mary Shelley, Jan. 25, 1665.

(5) Mary, b. ——, 16—; m. Sept. 10, 1651, Richard Foster. He d. ——, 165–. She m. July 8, 1659, Jonathan Morey.

(6) Sarah, b. ——, 16—; m. Dec. 23, 1656, Samuel Rider, of Yarmouth.

(7) Elizabeth, b. ——, 16—; m. Dec. 20, 1661, Anthony Sprague, of Hingham. He was b. in 1635, and d. in 1709.

(8) Mercy, b. 16—; m. 1668, John Ivey, of Boston.

(9) Lydia, b. June 8, 1647; m. James Barnaby, of Plymouth. He d. in or before 1677, and she m. John Nelson, of Middleborough. She was Nelson's second wife; his first wife was Sarah Wood, of Middleborough, a daughter of Henry Wood. John Nelson left Middleborough and fled to Plymouth in the time of King Philip's war, and returned when that conflict was over, and was made a Selectman of Middleborough in 1682, '83, '85 and '86; Constable, 1684.

Benjamin Bartlett (No. 2) and wife had:

(10) Benjamin, b. 16—; m. Sept., 1672, Ruth Peabody, of Duxbury. She was b. June 27, 1658.

(11) Samuel, b. 16—; m. Aug. 2, 1683, Hannah Peabody, of Duxbury. She was b. Oct. 15, 1662.

(12) Ichabod, b. 16—; m. Elizabeth Waterman, in 1699. She d. Oct. 1708, and he m. second, Nov. 14, 1709, Desire Arnold.

(13) Ebenezer, b. 16—; m. Hannah ——. Had land in Little Compton, then in Massachusetts, now R. Island.

(14) Rebecca, b. 16—; m. 1679, William Bradford, 3d, of Duxbury, son of Major John, grandson of Major William, and great-grandson of Gov. William Bradford. He was b. March 11, 1655, and d. 1687.

(15) Sarah, b. 16—; m. 1687, Robert Bartlett (No. 16). She died, and he in 1691 married Sarah Cook. He died 1718, aged 55.

Joseph Bartlett (No. 3) and wife had:

(16) Robert, b. 1663; m. 1687, SarahBartlett (No. 15). She died, and he m. 1691, Sarah Cook. He d. in 1718, aged 55.

(17) Joseph, b. 1665; m. 1692, Lydia Griswold. He d. in 1703, aged 38 years.

(18) Benjamin, b. 16—.
(19) Elnathan, b. 16—.
(20) Mary, b. 16—; m. 16—, John Barnes.
(21) Hannah, b. 16—; m. 16—, Joseph Silvester.
(22) Lydia, b. 16—; m. 16—, Elisha Holmes.

Sergeant William Harlow and wife Rebecca Bartlett (No. 4) had:

(23) William, b. Oct. 5, 1650; d. Oct. 26, 1650.
(24) Samuel, b. Jan. 27, 1652; m. twice: first, Priscilla ——; second, Hannah ——. Surnames not learned.
(25) Rebecca, b. June 12, 1655.
(26) William, b. June 2, 1657; m. Lydia Cushman, a daughter of Elder Thomas Cushman.

Sergeant William Harlow, the parent, married twice after the death of his first wife Rebecca Bartlett.

James Barnaby, of Plymouth, m. Lydia Bartlett (No. 9), and their son James, b. in or about 1670, m. Joanna, a daughter of Sergeant William Harlow, and third wife, Mary Shelley, and had a son, Capt. Ambrose Barnaby, b. in 1706, who m. Elizabeth Gardiner, of Swansey, and their daughter Joanna became the wife of Capt. Benjamin Weaver, Jr., and they were the parents of Col. Benjamin Weaver, whose daughter Joanna was mother of the writer of this genealogy.

James Barnaby and wife Lydia Bartlett (No. 9) had:

(27) Stephen, b. in 166–; married twice: first, in 1696, Ruth Morton; and, second, in 1710, Mrs. Judith Church. Her maiden name was Harlow.

(28) James, b. about 1670; m. Joanna Harlow, of Plymouth. She was b. March 24, 1669; d. Sept. 4, 1725. He d. July 5, 1726. [See Grave-stones.]

Benjamin Bartlett (No. 10) and wife Ruth Peabody had:

(29) Robert, b. Dec. 6, 1679.

(30) Benjamin, b. 16—.

(31) Mercy, b. 16—; m. Aug. 5, 1714, John Turner, of Scituate, Mass.

(32) Priscilla, b. January, 1697; m. Dec. 31, 1718, John Sampson, of Duxbury. He was b. Aug. 17, 1688.

(33) Deborah, b. 16—; m. Dec. 19, 1723, Josiah Thomas.

(34) Ruth, b. 17—; m. John Murdock, Jr.

(35) Abigail, b. 1703; m. 1728, Hon. Gamaliel Bradford,* of Duxbury. He was b. May 18, 1705, and d. April 24, 1778. She d. Aug. 30, 1776.

(36) Rebecca, m. John Bradford. He was b. in 1675, and a son of Major John Bradford, grandson of Major William Bradford, and great-grandson of Gov. William Bradford.

(37) Sarah, m. Israel Bradford, of Duxbury. He was a son of Major John Bradford.

Samuel Bartlett (No. 11) and wife Hannah Peabody had:

(38) Benjamin, b. May 4, 1684.

(39) Joseph, b. April 22, 1686.

(40) Samuel, b. 1691; was an officer at the taking of Louisburg, June, 1745.

(41) Ichabod, b. 16—.

(42) Judah.

(43) William.

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* Major 1st Reg't Plymouth Co. militia as early as 1750; Colonel, 1754.

THE BOOTH FAMILY.

JOHN BOOTH was in Scituate, Mass., as early as 1656. He purchased lands in that town, and settled near a hill that still bears his name.

JOHN BOOTH and wife had:

(2) Elizabeth, b. Oct. 5, 1657.

(3) Joseph, b. March 27, 1659. Went to Pennsylvania.

(4) John, b. Jan. 1, 1661; m. Dec. 12, 1687, Mary Dodson, of Scituate, daughter of Anthony Dodson.

(5) Benjamin, b. July 4, 1667. He and Isaac Peirce, Jr. bought a tract of land lying part in Taunton and part in Middleboro', Jan. 23, 1709, being the date of the deed.

(6) Mary, b. June 6, 1669; m. Oct. 1697, Abraham Barden, of Scituate, and subsequently of Middleboro'.

(7) Abraham, b. Feb. 7, 1673. He received a grant of land in Duxbury in 1710.

(8) Grace, b. July 4, 1677; m. Ephr'm Pray, Taunton.

(9) Judith, b. March 13, 1680; m. Isaac Peirce, Jr. She died May 4, 1733, and Isaac m. Abigail Chase, a widow whose maiden name was Sherman. Isaac died Jan. 17, 1757. His will was made in 1756, and extracts from it may be seen on page 43 of the book on the Peirce Family.

JOHN BOOTH (No. 4) and wife MARY DODSON had:

(10) Anthony. b. 1689; probably died before 1719.

(11) Mary, b. 16—; m. Thomas Peirce.

(12) Judith, b. 16—; m. William Bailey.

(13) Eunice, b. 16— ; m.
(14) Elizabeth, b. 16— ; m.
(15) Lydia, m.
(16) Zerviah, m.

A division of the estate of John Booth, late of Scituate, deceased, was made in 1719, in which is named Mary, the widow, and all those children above enumerated except Anthony. Mary, the widow, was born in 1656. She was a daughter of Anthony Dodson, a land surveyor, of Scituate, and wife Mary Williams, to whom he was married in Nov. 1651. Mrs. Mary Booth was sister to Jonathan Dodson, owner of 12th lot in Freetown.

Abraham Barden and wife Mary Booth (No. 6) had:

(17) Abraham, b. Dec. 11, 1698; m. Jan. 26, 1726, Esther Sampson.
(18) Mary, b. Feb. 10, 1700. [Middleboro' T. Rec.]
(19) Joseph, b. April 5, 1701. " "
(20) Elizabeth, Oct. 1, 1702. " "
(21) Isaac, b. Dec. 27, 1708. " "
(22) Sarah, b. April 30, 1710. " "
(23) Jacob, b. Sept. 1712. " "

Ephraim Pray and wife Grace Booth (No. 8) had:

(24) Thankful, b. 17— ; m. 1741, Robert Evans.
(25) Judith, b. 1712; died Jan. 28, 1715.
(26) Ephraim, b. 1713; died Oct. 11, 1719.
(27) Lydia, b. 1715; died Jan. 20, 1716.
(28) Ruth, b. 1716; m. Oct. 7, 1719.

The dates of their deaths were copied from grave-stones in Berkley. Ephraim Pray probably had other children, of whom I find no record.

Isaac Peirce, Jr., and wife Judith Booth (No. 9) had:

(29) Ebenezer,* b. 1704; m. Dec. 13, 1728, Mary Hos-

* Great-grandfather to the writer of this genealogy.

kins, of Taunton, daughter of Henry Hoskins and wife Abigail Godfrey, granddaughter of William Hoskins and wife Sarah Caswell. Ebenezer died Sunday, Aug. 14, 1796. Mary, his wife, died Oct. 5, 1768. Both buried in Lakeville.

(30) Isaac, b. 1705; m. May 5, 1735, Deliverance Holloway, of Middleboro'. He was Ensign of 4th Co. in the local militia of Middleboro'. He died Sept. 18, 1782. She died Oct. 11, 1801. Both have suitable gravestones.

(31) Elisha, b. ——; m. Nov. 10, 1738, Margaret Pain, of Freetown. Elisha made a will in 1779. Date of death not known to me. No gravestones.

(32) Abigail, b. ——; m. Oct. 28, 1736, John Howland. She died in 1786. He died in 1790, aged 80.

(33) Judith, b. July 4, 1709; m. Dec. 2, 1736, Lieut. Thomas Nelson, of Middleboro'. He died March 7, 1768. She died Jan. 22, 1792. Both have gravestones.

(34) Elkanah, b. ——; m. March 2, 1742, Hannah Eddy. They were Quakers. Had no gravestones.

Members of the Booth Family that I have not been able to trace back further than 1721:

There was a John Booth in Middleboro', who with his wife Priscilla had the following named children:

Priscilla, b. Jan. 29, 1721.
John, b. July 21, 1729; m. Lydia ——.
Zebedee, b. June 22, 1731; m. Catharine ———.

Isaiah Booth and wife Hannah ——— had:
Isaiah, b. Jan. 4, 1730.
Jacob, b. July 25, 1731.
Abraham, b. April 15. 1735.

John Booth and wife Lydia ——— had:
Huldah, b. May 18, 1761.
Abial, b. March 7, 1765; m. Nov. 18, 1788, Susannah Peirce, of Middleboro', daughter of Capt. Henry Peirce and wife Salome Hinds.

ZEBEDEE BOOTH and wife CATHARINE ——— had:

Zebedee, b. June 27, 1759.

Catharine, b. July 10, 1763.

ABIAL BOOTH and wife SUSANNAH PEIRCE had:

Abiel P., b. Feb. 3, 1791; m. Mrs. Betsey Weaver, of Fall River.

Susannah, b. July 16, 1792; m. Ebenezer Staples, of Taunton.

Salome, b. June 27, 1795; m. Gilbert Rounsevill, of Freetown. He was a Deputy Sheriff.

Henry P., b. March 18, 1801; m. first, Edith Woods; second, Sarah Packard.

John, b. June 13, 1803. Never married; dead.

Lydia A., b. Dec. 18, 1805; m. first, Jefferson Rounsevill, of Freetown; second, Noah Staples, of Taunton.

Henrietta M., b. July 7, 1810; m. Elbridge G. Ashley.

Abiel, the parent, was a patriot soldier in the war of the American Revolution.

ABIEL P. BOOTHE, Esq., and wife Mrs. BETSEY WEAVER had:

Ariadne V., b. Jan. 3, 1818.

Henry B., b. Oct. 8, 1819.

Philander G., b. April 30, 1822.

Susan B., b. March 1, 1832.

Abiel, the parent, was a Justice of the Peace for Plymouth County, and deacon of the Christian Baptist Church in Lakeville. Used to be employed to teach district schools, and was clerk of the company of local militia in that part of the town of Middleboro' in which he resided.

GILBERT ROUNSEVILL and wife SALOME BOOTH had:

Marcus M., b. Jan. 14, 1820; m. Nov. 26, 1846, Elizabeth C. Evans.

Susan C., b. Nov. 3, 1824; m. John Long, of Bridgewater. Reside in Randolph, Mass.

THE BROWNELL FAMILY.

Thomas Brownell, of Portsmouth, R. I., was made a freeman of that colony in 1655, and a commissioner of that town in 1655, 1661–63 and 1664.

Nathaniel Brownell was also made a freeman at Portsmouth, R. I., in 1655. What relationship existed between Thomas and Nathaniel Brownell, I have never learned.

George Brownell, of Portsmouth, R. I., was a Deputy or Representative to the colonial court in 1699, and again in 1702. He was probably identical with George Brownell, son of Thomas and Ann, born in or near 1646, and who was united in marriage with Susanna Pearce, of Portsmouth, R. I., Dec. 4, 1673.

Joseph Brownell (son of George and wife Susanna), born Dec. 5, 1690, was a Representative to the general court from Portsmouth for the years 1720, '22, '24, '25, '26 and '27, and Joseph Brownell, Jr., son of the foregoing, was a Justice of the Peace and leading man in Portsmouth for many years. He suffered greatly from the King's troops while these held possession of the island, in the war of the revolution, as he was an uncompromising and outspoken patriot, and scorned to reap favors or realize any advantages or accommodations that should result from compromise or be the fruits of deception. His farm was nearly desolated; the trees cut down, fences burned, cattle killed, and buildings marred, mutilated and destroyed. His stock of cows—consisting of twelve when the British troops took possession

of Rhode Island — were soon reduced to one, by English marauders and Hessian thieves ; and to save even this he was obliged to keep it in his house with his family. What made him an especial mark for British hate and tory vengeance, was the fact that his son recruited the first or earliest company raised on the island for the patriot army, and as Captain of the same was upon the battle field, and he himself took no pains to conceal his love of liberty and hatred to British rule on this continent. As an order made it obligatory for a rebel Yankee to take off or raise his hat to a British officer, Joseph Brownell, Esq., would not wear a hat so long as these officers remained, but covered his head with a close fitting skull-cap for several years.

THOMAS BROWNELL and wife ANN had:

(2) George, b. 1646; m. Dec. 4, 1673, Susannah, a daughter of Richard Pearce, of Portsmouth, R. I., and Susannah Wright his wife. Mrs. Susannah Brownell d. Feb. 24, 1743. She was b. Nov. 22, 1652, and at the date of her death must have been about three months more than 90 years of age.

(3) Thomas, b. 1650; m. in 1678, Mary, a daughter of Richard Pearce, of Portsmouth, R. I., and wife Susannah Wright. Mrs. Mary Brownell was b. May 6, 1654, and d. May 4, 1736, wanting only two days of having completed 82 years. Tradition says that the mother of the wives of George Brownell and Thomas Brownell, Jr., was a daughter of George Wright, of Newport, R. I.

GEORGE BROWNELL (No. 2) and wife SUSANNAH PEARCE had :

(4) Susannah, b. Jan. 25, 1676; m. March 29, 1727, John Read, Jr., of Freetown. She d. Monday, Aug. 25, 1735. He was Town Clerk of Freetown 35 years.

(5) Sarah, b. June 14, 1681.

(6) Mary, b. Dec. 8, 1683 ; m. William Hall.

(7) Martha, b. Feb. 18, 1686; m. Nov. 27, 1712, Samuel Forman.

(8) Thomas, b. June 1, 1688.

(9) Joseph, b. Dec. 5, 1690; m. Jan. 5, 1717, Ruth Cornell. He was Representative to the general court in 1720, '22, '24, '25, '26 and '27.

(10) Wait, b. Oct. 3, 1693; m. Sept. 27, 1717, Joshua Sandford.

(11) Stephen, b. Dec. 3, 1695; m. Dec. 12, 1726, Martha Earle.

Thomas Brownell (No. 3) and wife Mary Pearce had:

(12) Thomas, b. Feb. 16, 1679.

(13) John, b. Feb. 21, 1682.

(14) George, b. Jan. 19, 1685. He was commissioned as a Lieutenant.

(15) Jemima, b. Oct. 10, 1689.

(16) Mary, b. March 22, 1692.

(17) Charles, b. 1694; d. 1694.

John Read, Jr., and wife Susannah Brownell (No. 4) had no children, so far as I can learn. She was born Jan. 25, 1676, and married March 29, 1727, and was therefore more than 50 years of age when she became the wife of John Read, Jr. He had been previously married to Mary, a daughter of Ensign John Pearce, of Tiverton, R. I. John Read, Jr., was the son of John Read, of Freetown, a cordwainer, who went to Freetown from Newport, and died in Freetown about 8 o'clock in the morning of Jan. 3, 1721. Hannah, the wife of John Read, Sen., died about 9 o'clock in the morning of April 12, 1727. John Read, Jr., and wife Mary Pearce had twelve children, born from Nov. 19, 1690, to Sept. 27, 1715. John Read, Jr., was town clerk of Freetown thirty-five years, and three times chosen to represent the town in the general court. Susannah his wife

died Monday, Aug. 25, 1735. A son of John Read, Jr. (named Joseph), born March 5, 1708, married Grace Pray, and they had a son Benjamin born Nov. 15, 1733, who was the Capt. Benjamin Read that commanded the first company of the militia in Freetown from 1776 to 1781, performing with his command two tours of duty in Rhode Island. He was succeeded by Benjamin Weaver, July 1, 1781, who commanded the company during the remainder of the war of the revolution.

The two wives of John Read, Jr., were first cousins.

The oldest daughter of John Read, Jr., and wife Mary Pearce, was Mary, born Nov. 19, 1690, and married, Jan. 22, 1728, Samuel Forman, who was a Selectman of Freetown twenty-two years, Assessor fifteen years, Moderator of the annual town meeting fifteen years, and twice elected to the general court. He was buried at Steep Brook, in Fall River. Has suitable gravestones.

William Hall and wife Mary Brownell (No. 6) had:

(18) Benj., m. Frances Parker. [Thurston Genealogy.]

Joseph Brownell (No. 9) and wife Ruth Cornell had:

(19) George, b. June 23, 1718; d. Jan. 17, 1730, aged 11 years, 6 months, 25 days.

(20) Joseph, b. April 26, 1720; m. Dec. 22, 1742, Rebecca Tripp, of Portsmouth, R. I. He was a Justice of the Peace and leading man in town affairs.

(21) Thomas, b. Oct. 23, 1722. [T. Rec. Portsm'th, R. I.]

(22) Wait, b. Dec. 12, 1725. " "

(23) Philadelphia, b. Dec. 15, 1726. "

(24) Martha, b. March 17, 1729. " "

(25) George, b. Sept. 27, 1736. " "

Joseph Brownell, Esq. (No. 20) and wife Rebecca Tripp had:

(26) Nathan, b. 174–; m. Elizabeth Fish.

(27) Jonathan, b. May 30, 1746; m. Dec. 11, 1778, Patience Boomer, of Freetown, now Fall River. He was a Captain in the patriot army in the war of American Revolution; Justice of the Peace, and Representative to the General Court. He d. May 8, 1821. She d. 1828.

(28) Stephen, b. ——; m.

(29) Susanna, b. ——; m. Giles Slocum.

(30) Oliver, b.

(31) Mary, b. ——; m. Maj. Jacob Mann, of Wrentham, a patriot of the American Revolution.

(32) Philadelphia, b. ——; m. Richard Sisson.

(33) Amy, b. Sept. 8, 1760; m. 1783, Col. Benjamin Weaver, of Freetown, Mass. She d. May, 1804, aged 43 years. He d. April 23, 1838, aged 82 years. Grand-parents to the writer of this genealogy. For a second wife Col. Weaver married Eleanor Albro, of Troy, now Fall River. No children by second wife. She died in 1838.

(34) Thomas, b. 17—; m. Mercy Shaw. He died in 1841. They were the parents of Capt. Oliver Brownell, of Portsmouth, R. I., Joseph Brownell, Esq., of New Bedford, and William Brownell, of Acushnet, Mass.

Capt. Jonathan Brownell (No. 27) and wife Patience Boomer had:

(35) Joseph, b. Sept. 16, 1779; d. July 8, 1782.

(36) Mercy, b. April 8, 1781; d. July 15, 1782.

(37) Lydia, b. April 15, 1785; d. Oct. 2, 1795.

(38) Ruth, b. June 10, 1786; m. Feb. 20, 1808, Ward Wrightinton, of Fall River. She d. April 2, 1846.

(39) Jonathan, b. April 19, 1789; m. April 28, 1838, Sinai Colby, of Berkley. He died Jan. 1859.

(40) Mercy, b. July 20, 1791. Never married.

(41) Joseph, b. June 20, 1794; died Oct. 19, 1794.

(42) Thomas, b. June 20, 1794; died Sept. 29, 1852.

(43) William C., b. Aug. 27, 1796; m. Dec. 25, 1823, Susan Borden, of Fall River. He died Dec. 15, 1854.

(44) Joshua, b. May 29, 1799; m. Oct. 20, 1824, Orpha ——. He died May 3, 1872. She d. Aug. 5, 1861.

WARD WRIGHTINTON and wife RUTH BROWNELL (No. 38) had:

(45) Benjamin T., b. 1809; m.

(46) Lydia, b. 18—; m. no one. Resides in Fall River.

(47) Amy, b. 18—; m. —— Braman.

JONATHAN BROWNELL (No. 39) and wife SINAI COLBY had:

(48) Mary E., b. 18—; m.

(49) William I., b. 18—; m.

(50) Henry W., b. 18—; m. April, 1868, Mary Lewis.

(51) Adelaide A., b. 18—; m.

(52) Lydia W., b. 18—; m.

(53) Frank H., b. 18—; m.

WILLIAM C. BROWNELL (No. 43) and wife SUSAN BORDEN had:

(54) Jonathan, m. Abby J. Whalon. He died March 9, 1854.

(55) William T., b. 18—; m.

(56) Sarah E., b. 18—; m.

(57) Nancy H., b. 18—; m.

(58) Susan E., b. 18—; m. Jan. 1, 1874, George M. Clark.

(59) Caroline E., b. 18—; m.

THE CASWELL FAMILY.

THOMAS CASWELL, of Taunton, was among the original purchasers of Taunton North Purchase, so called, June 6, 1668. That tract is now Easton, with parts of Mansfield and Norton.

THOMAS CASWELL, of Taunton, and wife ———, had:

(2) Stephen, b. Feb. 15, 1648; m. Dec. 29, 1672, Hannah Thresher.

(3) Thomas, b. Feb. 22, 1650.

(4) Peter, b. October, 1652.

(5) Mary, b. August, 1654; m. Aug. 15, 1676, Israel Thresher, of Taunton, a son of Christopher Thresher. Israel was born Sept. 15, 1648.

(6) John, b. July 1, 1656. He settled in what is now Mansfield, Mass.; m. Nov. 26, 1689, Elizabeth Hall. An inventory and appraisal of his estate was made March 20, 1714. They had six children.

(7) Sarah, b. November, 1658; m. July 3, 1677, William Hoskins, of Taunton. He made a will March 26, 1730. He was a soldier in the Narraganset War, one hundred years earlier than the war of the American Revolution, and noticed that fact in his last will and testament, as he was for the service entitled to a grant of land as promised to the soldiers when mustered on Dedham Plain, just before starting for the great Swamp Fight, Dec. 19, 1675. He and wife Sarah are thought to have been the ancestors of President Abraham Lincoln. omit)

(8) William, b. Sept. 15, 1660.

(9) Samuel, b. Jan. 26, 1662.

(10) Elizabeth, b. Jan. 10, 1664; m. June 1, 1685, Uriah Leonard, of Taunton.

(11) Abigail, b. Oct. 27, 1666.

Stephen Caswell (No. 2) and wife Hannah Thresher had:

(12) Stephen, b. Dec. 11, 1673.

(13) Deborah, b. ——.

(14) Joseph, b. May 18, 1678; d. Aug. 15, 1755.

These names of children and dates of their births were taken from the Proprietors' Records of Taunton.

Thomas Caswell, Jr. (No. 3) and wife —— had:

(15) Benjamin, b. Nov. 16, 1675; m. March 17, 1707, Mrs. Mary, the widow of Samuel Briggs, and had five children. Mary joined the church at Norton in 1717.

(16) Thomas, b. Jan. 2, 1677.

(17) Mary, b. March 16, 1679.

(18) James, b. May 17, 1681.

(19) John, b. Jan. 27, 1683.

Israel Thresher and wife Mary Caswell (No. 5) had:

(20) Mary, b. Aug. 7, 1677.

John Caswell (No. 6) and wife Elizabeth Hall had six children, as follows:

(21) John, b. July 17, 1690; m. ——, 17—, Hannah ——. He died Dec. 18, 1773. Hannah, his wife, died July 6, 1769, aged about 81 years. He was Ensign of Capt. Joseph Hodge's Company of Col. Sylvester Richmond's Regiment in the expedition to Cape Breton, 1745, and promoted to Lieutenant. That is now called "the Old French War;" but, till it had proved a success, was designated as "Shirley's War."

(22) Elizabeth, b. Nov. 16, 1691.

(23) Samuel, b. Oct. 6, 1695; m. Feb. 5, 1728, Ursula White, a daughter of Dea. Nicholas White.

(24) Josiah, b. Jan. 1, 1697.

(25) Jedediah, b. Nov. 7, 1700.

(26) Bethiah, b. June 14, 1705.

William Hoskins and wife Sarah Caswell (No. 7) had:

(27) Anne, b. Feb. 14, 1678; m. Nathaniel Smith.

(28) Sarah, b. Aug. 31, 1679; m. —— Smith.

(29) William, b. June 30, 1681.

(30) Henry, b. 168–; died 168–.

(31) Henry,* b. Oct. 12, 1686; m. Abigail Godfrey, of Taunton. She died Nov. 4, 1755, aged about 71 years, and he married Mrs. Priscilla Booth. He died July 29, 1771. He was a blacksmith. Lived in Taunton, Mass.

(32) Josiah, b. April 4, 1689.

(33) John, b. Sept. 18, 1690; (married, and is thought to have been one of the ancestors of the late President, Abraham Lincoln. omit)

(34) Jacob, b. Nov. 1, 1692.

(35) Stephen, b. Sept. 2, 1697.

(36) Hannah, b. ——; m. William Macomber, of Taunton. He was b. Jan. 31, 1683; son of John Macomber and wife Anna Evans.

Uriah Leonard and wife Elizabeth Caswell (No. 10) had:

(37) Uriah, b. April 10, 1686; m. June 12, 1708, Abigail Stone.

Joseph Caswell (No. 14) probably resided in that part of Taunton now Berkley, as his birth and death are there recorded; and also the fact that the christian name of his wife

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* Their daughter Mary became the wife of Ebenezer Peirce, of Middleboro', Dec. 13, 1728, and their third son, Job Peirce, born Nov. 29, 1737, was grandfather to the writer of this genealogy. Ebenezer Peirce died Aug. 14, 1796, and Mary his wife died Oct. 5, 1768. Job, their son, died July 22, 1819.

was "Love." He died Aug. 15, 1755. She died April 20, 1768.

There was a George Caswell, Town Clerk of Berkley in 1751, '52, '53, '54 and '55; and he was for several years Selectman and Treasurer. What relation of the family I have attempted to describe, I do not know. This George Caswell and wife Hannah had:

Joseph, b. June 25, 1745. [Berkley Town Records.]
George, b. Feb. 26, 1747. [Berkley Town Records.]
John, b. Feb. 21, 1749; d. May 28, 1765.
Abner, b. Dec. 6, 1750. [Berkley Town Records.]

There was also in Berkley an Ephraim Caswell, who with his wife Rebecca, had:

Ephraim, b. March 18, 1756.
Ruth, b. Aug. 21, 1757.
Rebecca, b. June 30, 1759.
Deborah, b. Nov. 2, 1762.

Samuel Caswell (No. 23) was the first resident physician in Norton, that part now Mansfield. He was in medical practice as early as 1726, and perhaps before. Bought land in Norton of Lydia Briggs in 1723.

Dr. Samuel Caswell * (No. 23) and wife Ursula White had four children, whose names I have not learned. He is thought to have had two wives, and that Ursula White was the second. He died in Norton in or about 1747.

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* There was a Dr. Samuel Caswell in Taunton, perhaps a son of the Norton physician (No. 23), the inscription on whose tomb-stone is as follows:

"Here lies ye body of Samuel Caswel, M.D., who died Aug. ye 13th, 1755. Ætatis suæ 35.

In Seventeen Hundred & Fifty Five
Relentless Death Did us Deprive
of a very Useful Life
to Neighbor, Friend, to Child & Wife
He safely Did Administer
as a Physician.
Consulting more his patients health
Than all extorted gain
We that do love his memory
Would like him live yt when we die
We may enjoy felicity."

The following are true copies of letters of Mrs. Hannah Caswell to her husband, Lieut. John Caswell (No. 21), in the "Old French War," 1745, and of Jonathan Caswell, one of their ten children, to his father, Lieut. John Caswell, written during the "French and Indian War," 1755, 1758 and 1760.

Mrs. Hannah Caswell's Letter to her Husband, Lieut. John Caswell.

My dear husband

The thoughts of your abſence doth ſo exceedingly affect my lone wounded ſoul that I want words to expreſs the ſorrow I conceive leſt the cruel enemies or the raging ſeas should ſwallow up my hopes and deprive me of that which next to my immortal ſoul I dearly prize. Oh therefore if any tender pity lodges in that precious breaſt of thine be pleaſed to allay my fears by ſending to me a letter as I have not received one anſwer to all my letters which much diſtreſses me with fears that I am deprived of the joy of my heart, the comfort of my life but I desire to hope for the beſt concerning you and ſo shall inform you that all our children are in good health and nothing afflicts them but your abſence which I for my part muſt confeſs to be very tedious; However, my wishes are that all your undertakings may proſper ſo as to be advantageous for the better and ſo taking my leave at this time in hopes of a more near and dearer conversation which will be to my ſatisfaction and ſo recommending you to the protection of Almighty God and wishing a proſperous expedition your return as ſoon as poſsible and ſo I remain

your loving and very affectionate wife

Norton May ye 13th 1745. HANNAH CASWELL.

As this leaves me in good health
through God's goodneſs
ſo I hope it will find you.

Letters of Jonathan Caswell to his Father, Lieut. John Caswell.

Honoured Father

a fair opportunity preſenting to write to you I Readily Embrace the Same hoping they will be so happy as to reach you
And find you and all your family in good health as through the Goodneſs of God they leave Me for which I desire to be thankfull. We had a ſafe Voige to York and Arrived there ye 25 Day of June and from thence ſailed for Albany and Arived their Safe the fifth Day of July,

all the company in prety good Health and all well United, and for the moſt part prayers among us Night and Morning. Their is a great Many forceis Now here for the Expedition and comeing in Daily. Here we Lie knowing Not when We shall March for Crownpoint. But I hope Not long to tarry here. And here in my Letter I Remember My Duty to father and Mother And love to Brothers and Siſters Nabours & acquaintance Desiring your prayers to God for Mee as I am agoing to War that he Would keep and preserve Me from all Danger and Return Me home again to Behold all your faices again in peace and safty But if Not ſo that we may Meat in the heavens With joy and their ſpend our time in praising God to all Eternity. Being in haſt I shall Not Enlarge But conclude, Renewing My wishes And Desires And Subscribing My Self your Ever Dutiful Son.

JONATHAN CASWELL.

Albany July ye 6th 1755.

Simo Caty * July the 31 1758.

Ever honoured father and mother, my duty to you hoping that these few Lins may find you in Good helth as I am at this time wherein I give God hearty thanks for the Same and I Give my Love unto my Brothers and my Sisters and friends Neibours and acuantances and I beg your prayrs for me now I am gone from home and your prayrs of all other Chriſtian people and I had thirteen days passage from Boſton unto Albany and I have heard from Joſeph White and he was well and as fat as Eany creators was and is stationed at forte Edward and has Got a Copralls Comiſsion and Laſt friday their was killed Betwen forte Edward and forte William hennery thirty four men and four Wimen Besides all their teems and Seven of major Hodges men and when I shall march from hear I dou not know and the number of men that was killed at the fight at the naerows was four thouſand five hundred and seventy nine wounded and taken and thirty eight oxen teems with four oxen in Each teem and ten teems with baggeg and all taken killed and deſtroyed and ſo from your dutifull Son untill deth Shall Separate you and I.

JONATHAN CASWELL.

Ticonderoga July the 10, 1760.

Ever honured father and mother, my duty to you, hoping that these few Lins may find you In good helth as they leave me at this preſent time and Bleſsed be God for the ſame and I give my Love unto all my

* This letter was probably written at Schenectady, New York.

Brothers and Sifters and to all Inquireing friends Neibours and Now I ambſent from you I Beg your prayrs for me and prayrs for my ſafe Return home again If God be willing but I leave all in the hands of a mercifull God who Is able to keep and preſerve In an howling Wilderneſs of Enemys as he Is at home and the Day of this month the french and Indens came on our men and killed two on the ſpot and Wounded ſeverall others and I have heard from Crownpoint Leuce and Lieut. Williams and 15 more of us Was Drafted out for to the mending of the and a few days We shall march for Sa^{t}. Johns and from thence I do not know and all the Reſt of our Company and them that came from Norton is well and in Good Helth. And I have received of you one or two Letters and they were well then. And our men never drowed their arms not till this very Day And we have not Joined our Company yet but we shall as ſoon as We get into Crownpoint and when you have an opertunity for to ſend me Eny Letters Send them to me in Conol Thomas Reigment and in Captain Job Williams Company Crownpoint. I have been well and harty and our provision is very good tho very Shorte and I have nothing Remarkable for to Right unto you onely I am oblige for to Work very hard Every Day and I do give my Serveſs unto mr Jonathan Newcomb and I will Lett him know that he that goes a Soldiering that is Lazy and Would not Worke Jumps out of the frying pan into the fier and hezekiah Drake Gives his Duty to his father and his love unto his Wife and all Enquiring friends and I have not eany more to Rite unto you at this time But Remain your Dutiful Son untill Death shall ſeperate you and I.

JONATHAN CASWELL.

THE GARDINER FAMILY.

Lieut. Samuel Gardiner, of Newport, R. I., Freetown and Swansey, Mass, was father of that branch of the Gardiner family whose genealogy we herein propose to trace, and whose history we will now briefly notice, and acts, so far as the same have come to our knowledge, recite and consider.

A Samuel Gardiner was united in marriage with Susanna Shelley, of Plymouth, Dec. 20, 1682, and their son Samuel was born Sept. 27, 1683. But Samuel, who married at Plymouth, we do not believe was identical with Lieut. Samuel, whose wife's name was Elizabeth. Lieut. Samuel Gardiner is several times noticed in the early colonial records of Rhode Island, and his removal from Newport to Freetown was occasioned by his purchase of a farm in the town last named that he bought of George Lawton, then residing in Freetown, but formerly of Portsmouth, R. I. Oct. 31, 1687, was the date of that deed of purchase, and £250 lawful money of current silver its consideration. The premises consisted of about 400 acres of land in that part of Freetown now Fall River, half a freeman's share of salt meadow in Swansey, and a like quantity of meadow at Sipecan, then Dartmouth, now Marion.

That Lieut. Gardiner soon came to Freetown to occupy his purchase is evident from the fact that the records show him to have been one of the Selectmen of Freetown in

1688, or the year succeeding that of his purchase, and he must therefore have been elected to that office at the first meeting for the choice of such officers, held in Freetown after his arrival, a circumstance of itself serving to show how he was regarded by those among whom he had so recently come to dwell.

Other evidences are also extant to show their appreciation of Lieut. Gardiner, and also that their trust and confidence were not unmerited or improperly bestowed, a few of which we will now briefly notice. He was a Selectman of Freetown for the municipal years of 1688, 1690 and 1692; Assessor in 1690 and 1691; Town Clerk in 1688, 1690 and 1692; Town Treasurer in 1690; Representative to the general court in 1690 and 1692. Towns at that time chose what were called town councils of war, when the country was engaged in fighting its enemies, in the persons of the Canadian French, or Canadian Indians, those of the latter race having even then become too few to offer any organized resistance to the encroachments of the white people, save in what is now the State of Maine, with occasionally a hasty dash at some of the western settlements of Massachusetts.

Lieut. Samuel Gardiner was a member of the town council of war at Freetown in 1690; Lieut. Thomas Terry being also a member of that board. Terry had been commissioned June 4, 1686, to command all the militia of the town, and as these at that date were not sufficient in number to constitute a Captain's command, so Terry as commander ranked as a Lieutenant, and orders issuing from Major John Walley, of Bristol, then regimental commandant of all the militia of the county, when sent to Freetown, were addressed, "To the Liftenant or town Counsill of freetown."

Terry and Gardiner were unquestionably selected for these offices because that by nature, education and practice they were the best qualified of any persons in town to

perform the legitimate duties, and that this ability was, at least in part, inherent and transmitted from father to son as an inheritance may reasonably be inferred from the fact that the oldest son* of Lieut. Thomas Terry succeeded to his father's rank in the same company about thirty years later, and a grandson to that of Lieutenant Colonel some seventy years later, and a great-grandson to the office of Captain of Cavalry in 1771, or eighty-five years later. In civil offices the descendants of Lieut. Thomas Terry, for several successive generations, held the same places in town that he had done. As in Freetown, so in Swansey, where Lieut. Gardiner went to reside, did his posterity prove the truth of the adage, "blood will tell," as our allusions to the same, as severally and successively noticed in the genealogical tables that follow, will sufficiently verify.

Lion Gardiner, commander of the English forces in Connecticut, in the days of the "Pequot War," two hundred and thirty-six years ago; Capt. Joseph Gardiner, who, at the head of his company, so bravely fought and nobly fell in the bloody conflict at the Narraganset Fort in Rhode Island two hundred years since, and Lieut. Samuel Gardiner, doubtless were all of the same blood or breed, as each spelled his surname precisely like the other, and exhibited many corresponding traits of character by which a family likeness is easily discoverable, and indeed can hardly fail to be recognized.

Lion Gardiner was as famous with his pen as with his sword, and his written details of what he witnessed and participated in during that first great conflict between races in New England is still the standard authority of very much of what we can now learn of that early period, and without which the minutiæ and particulars of those transactions

* That oldest son was christened Thomas, and was the first Freetown man who held the commission of Justice of the Peace—appointed July 22, 1720. Selectman of Freetown twenty-one years; Assessor sixteen years; Representative one year.

would have been lost to sight, to memory and to mind, irretrievably shrouded by impenetrable darkness, the obscurity of oblivion and grave of forgetfulness, and consigned to a burial that knows no resurrection.

So, too, would a searcher after the early history of Freetown grope in worse than Egyptian darkness but for the fortunate circumstance that for about six years, viz., from 1687 to 1693, Lieut. Samuel Gardiner was an inhabitant, and that the value of having him was appreciated by our people, who elected him to posts of trust; that he not only filled to the acceptance and satisfaction of that generation, but by the concise and intelligent record that he made of his and the town's doings has enabled us of the present day to see and know what was done, as well as if we had been among those

> "Who peopled every busy street,
> Two hundred years ago."

The earliest town records of Freetown now known to exist were those made by Lieut. Samuel Gardiner in his capacity of Selectman for 1688, or the first year he held office in that town. While he was a town officer, whether town clerk or not, the record that he made on the town books, of the doings and public acts of the town, are scarcely equalled by those of any other town in the county, and in intelligence exceeded by none. Before he went to reside in Freetown, the town had been incorporated about five years, and yet from the town books no record whatever appears to have been made of public proceedings.

Lieut. Gardiner sold his possessions in Freetown, Nov. 14, 1693, and on the 30th of December in that year he and Ralph Chapman, for £1700 current money, bought of Ebenezer Brenton a neck of land in Swansey, then called "Metapoiset," but now known as "Gardiner's Neck."

On becoming an inhabitant of Swansey, Lieut. Samuel Gardiner quickly came to occupy a leading position in that

own, as he had before done in Freetown, being elected a Selectman of Swansey, March 25, 1696. His life and usefulness were ended Dec. 8, 1696. His grave in the family cemetery in Swansey is marked by a rough, flat and mossy stone, upon which I was able to decipher only a letter S. Few families in this country, at the date of Lieut. Samuel Gardiner's decease, did so much as that to designate the last resting place of any particular member; a rough, brown stone, with no inscription whatever, generally being all that was raised at a grave until a quarter or half a century after. The estate of Lieut. Samuel Gardiner was appraised on the 15th of February, 1697, by Hezekiah Luther, Ralph Chapman and James Cole, and the appraisal presented to the Court of Probate for Bristol County on the 17th of that month, sworn to by Elizabeth, the widow, allowed by John Saffin, the judge, and entered upon the books by John Corey, Register. The inventory of estate, real and personal, was £1046. 5*s*., the items of which can be learned by reference to pages 341 and 342 of the book entitled: "Peirce Family of Old Colony." A copy of Lieut. Gardiner's record of his proceedings as one of the council of war for the town of Freetown also appears on pages 335 to 341 of that book.

Lieut. Samuel Gardiner and wife Elizabeth had:

(2) Elizabeth, b. 1684; m. Jan. 16, 1699, Edward Thurston, of Newport, R. I. She died Sept. 24, 1754. He died April 27, 1727, aged 49 years.

(3) Martha, b. Nov. 16, 1686.

(4) Patience, b. ———; m. Thomas Cranston, of Newport, R. I.

(5) Sarah, b.

There was a George Gardiner admitted to be an inhabitant of Rhode Island in 1638. He was Sergeant of the Newport Militia in 1642, and Lieutenant in 1644. Lieut. George Gardiner was a representative to the colonial legislature from Newport in 1640.

(6) Samuel, b. ———; m. Hannah ——. He was elected Constable of the town of Swansey, Mass., March 25, 1707; Town Clerk and a Trustee of the town's interest in the "Land Bank," in 1721; Assessor, in 1722, '23, '24 and '25; Selectman, in 1726; Grand Juryman, in 1729.

Edward Thurston* and wife Elizabeth Gardiner (No. 2) had:

(7) Edward, b. Sept. 8, 1702; m. Catharine ———. He d. Nov. 14, 1735.

(8) Elizabeth, b. April 3, 1705.

(9) Abigail, b. Nov. 18, 1707; m. Joseph Gardiner. She died April 9, 1768.

(10) John, b. May 14, 1710; died Nov. 4, 1728.

(11) Susanna, b. Aug. 2, 1713; died Nov. 22, 1716.

(12) Grindall, b. Dec. 29, 1715; lost at sea, Nov. 1748.

(13) Samuel, b. April 21, 1719; lost at sea, Nov. 1748.

(14) Gardiner, b. Nov. 14, 1721; m. Sept. 16, 1747, Frances Sandford. He was pastor of the Baptist Church in Newport, R. I. He died Aug. 23, 1802.

(15) William, b. July 13, 1724; died Feb. 13, 1775.

(16) Valentine, b. Feb. 14, 1726; died in 1760.

Samuel Gardiner, Jr. (No. 6) and wife Hannah had:

(17) Elizabeth, b. Nov. 11, 1708, at about 11 o'clock in the forenoon; m. July 4, 1728, Capt. Ambrose Barnaby, of Freetown. He was born in Plymouth, 1706; died in Freetown, April 18, 1775. She died in Freetown, January 28, 1788. [Swansey Town Records and gravestones.]

(18) Mary, b. Oct. 26, 1710. [Swansey Records.]

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* Oct. 3, 1702, Edward Thurston, Sen., of Newport, for sixty pounds, bought of John Rogers, a carpenter, the southerly half of the tenth lot in Freetown (now in Fall River), and this purchase came to be occupied by Thomas Thurston, who was a Grand-Juryman for Freetown in 1706; Assessor in 1707, '08, '09, and 1718 and '24; Selectman 1708 and '09; Constable 1710. Made a will March 20, 1730. Died about 11 o'clock at night, March 22, 1730. Among things named in his will was a bible. [Freetown and Bristol County Records.]

(19) Samuel, b. Oct. 30, 1712; died young.

(20) Samuel, b. Feb. 17, 1717; m. Content ———.

(21) Peleg, b. 1719; m. 17—, Hannah ——. He died Aug. 10, 1789. She d. Oct. 1, 1792. His death was caused by a cancer. He was Capt.-Lieut.* of the Swansey militia in 1762, and promoted to Lieut.-Colonel of 1st Reg't Bristol Co. militia in or about 1770, and held that office until Sept. 19, 1775, William Bullock, of Rehoboth, being his Colonel, and Timothy Walker, of Rehoboth, Major, and Christopher Mason Adjutant. Col. Gardiner was a wealthy man, as appears in the record of the settlement of his estate.

(22) Patience, b. ———; m. Dr. John Turner, of Freetown, now Fall River. What was their place is now called "Bowenville." Dr. Turner was quite distinguished as a physician. He and his wife were among the few that at first constituted the Congregational Church in Freetown, gathered under the ministration of Rev. Silas Brett, in or about 1747.

Capt. Ambrose Barnaby and wife Elizabeth Gardiner (No. 17) had:

(23) Mary, b. Feb. 11, 1728. I think this was old style, and according to the present mode of computing time should be 1729. She died Oct. 15, 1742.

(24) James, b. Oct. 11, 1730; m. Lois Hedge.

(25) Joanna,† b. June 26, 1733; m. twice: first, Nov. 4, 1753, Capt. Benjamin Weaver, Jr., of Swansey and Freetown. He was drowned in or about 1756; and she married in 1758 Col. Sylvester Childs, of Warren, R. I. She died May 18, 1773.

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* When Peleg Gardiner was Capt.-Lieutenant, Edward Luther was his Lieutenant, and Caleb Mason Ensign. The field officers of the 1st regiment then were Jerathmal Bowers, of Swansey (now Somerset), Colonel; Andrew Cole, of Swansey, Lieut.-Col.; and Valentine Wheeler, Major. Levi Wheaton was at that time Adjutant. Cole was soon after made Colonel.

† Joanna Barnaby, b. June 26, 1733, by her first husband, Capt. Benjamin Weaver, had only one child, a son named Benjamin, who was a private soldier, a

(26) Samuel, b. April 20, 1735; m. Oct. 2, 1757, Sylvia Winslow, of Freetown. He was Town Clerk five years, Selectman six years, and Assessor nine years.

(27) Elizabeth, b. Feb. 9, 1738; m. twice: first, Feb. 9, 1763, Ensign Barnabas Canedy, of Taunton. He died and she m. second, Lieut. Elijah Burt, of Berkley. She drowned herself in a tub of water in 1784, and he m. Abigail ——, and moved to Savoy, in Berkshire County, Mass.

(28) Lydia, b. Nov. 7, 1740; m. twice: first, Aug. 20, 1761, Nathan Simmons, Jr., of Freetown; second, Nov. 25, 1775, George Brightman, Esq., of Freetown, now Fall River. He was a tory in the war of the Revolution.

(29) Mary, b. Dec. 29, 1744; m. Sept. 13, 1772, Daniel Wilbur, of Swansey. She d. Aug. 30, 1803. They were the grandparents of Hon. Daniel Wilbur, of Somerset, Mass.

(30) Ambrose, b. Feb. 11, 1745; m. three times: first, Sept. 3, 1769, Elizabeth Wilbur, of Swansey; second, in 1779, Phylena Burt, of Berkley; third, in 1792, Abigail Williams, of Taunton. Was Selectman fourteen years.

(31) Sarah, b. May 20, 1748; m. 1776, James Winslow, of Freetown. She d. Dec. —, 1808. He d. April 9, 1836. (Freetown Records and gravestones.)

Sergeant, and then a Captain in the patriot service in the war of American Revolution. He was the immediate successor of Joseph Durfee as Lieut.-Colonel of 2d Regiment, in Bristol County Brigade, Massachusetts Militia. He was Selectman of Freetown one year, Assessor five years, Treasurer twenty-nine years, and Justice of the Peace for Bristol County thirty-three years. At his decease he left a concise record of about three thousand cases that had been brought for trial before him. He died April 23, 1838. His oldest daughter, by wife Amy Brownell, was born May 8, 1786, and named Joanna to bear up the name of her grandmother. Joanna, the daughter of Col. Weaver, became the wife of Ebenezer Peirce, Esq., and mother to the writer of this history of the Gardiner family, and to this fact and circumstance alone the public are indebted for this publication, it being put forth by me as a tribute of my regard to my ancestors of that family and surname, and but for which this diffusion of the knowledge of their noble deeds, generous acts and virtues might have been delayed for two hundred years to come, as it has been for almost two centuries that have passed.

Samuel Gardiner (No. 20) and wife Content ——— had:

(32) Samuel, b. March 5, 1745.

Dr. John Turner and wife Patience Gardiner (No. 22) had:

(33) Hannah, b. Jan. 27, 1741; died Sept. 11, 1748.

(34) Gardiner, b. Dec. 26, 1742. [Freetown Records.]

(35) Moses, b. May 6, 1745. [Freetown Records.]

(36) John, b. March 23, 1748; m. 1796, Hope Borden, of Tiverton, R. I. He was a physician.

(37) Mary, b. 17—; m. Dec. 22, 1757, Benjamin Dean, of Berkley.

(38) Betsey, b. 17—; m. Sept. 24, 1772, Col. Joseph Durfee,* of Freetown, now Fall River, an officer in the patriot army in the war of the American Revolution.

(39) Aaron, b. 17—; m. Cynthia Simmons, of Freetown.

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* Col. Joseph Durfee was the eldest son of that distinguished revolutionary patriot, Hon. Thomas Durfee, of Freetown, now Fall River. Col. Durfee was born at that place in April, 1750, and was therefore 25 years of age when the war of the Revolution began. In his "Reminiscences," published about forty years ago, he says, that where the elegant buildings of Fall River now stand, and that most densely populated, was at the date of his birth a wilderness, where goats lodged in winter. He lived to see the country involved in three wars: the "French and Indian," that of the "Revolution," and the "war of 1812." Of the first of these wars he remarked, "we fought for our lives;" and we will add, in the second for our liberties, and in the third for free trade and sailors' rights, as was said, but in fact perhaps it is difficult to tell what in that last war we did fight for. Joseph Durfee was commissioned a Captain in the beginning of the war of the Revolution, and with his company employed to guard the shores bordering on Taunton River and at Mount Hope Bay. In 1776 his company formed a part of Col. Thomas Carpenter's regiment, and participated in the battle of "White Plains," and was next assigned to the regiment of Col. John Cook, on duty in Rhode Island. Early in 1777 he was promoted to Major of a regiment stationed in Little Compton, and commanded by Col. John Hathaway, of Berkley. As commander of the guard at Fall River, he was successful in repelling the attack of British troops, about 150 in number, under Maj. Ayres, Sunday morning, May 25, 1778. In August, 1778, as Major of Col. Whitney's regiment he participated in the marching and fighting on Rhode Island; not long after, as Lieut.-Colonel of a regiment in Gen. Cornell's brigade, was ioned in Tiverton. When the British troops evacuated Rhode Island, Oct. 29, 9, he accompanied Cornell's brigade to that Island, and there served till the 29th December, 1779. Of the 2d regiment of the local militia of Bristol Co. he was missioned, June 9, 1778, as Major, and July 1, 1781, as Lieut.-Colonel.

THE GODFREY FAMILY.

Richard Godfrey, the first or earliest of this race, to whom I can trace genealogically, appears to have settled near the Old Forge, in Taunton, now Raynham, where he had lands. He was there and possessing real estate at that place as early as 1652, as the Leonards, in locating the forge, mentioned that the premises were bounded by land of Richard Godfrey.

John Turner, probably from Braintree, was clerk of the iron-works, or forge, and his daughter became the wife of Richard Godfrey, and the mother of that branch of the Godfrey family herein noticed. Richard Godfree died in 1691, leaving a will in which his sons Richard and John were appointed executors of his estate. Richard Godfrey, Jr., and wife Mary Richmond, were the progenitors of the Taunton branch of the family. John Godfrey, brother of Richard, Jr., went to the Narraganset country, probably Rhode Island, and tradition says there had sons and daughters.

Robert Godfrey, brother of Richard, Jr., and John, married, but we know not whom. They had one child, a daughter named Mary, born April 5, 1686, and of him I learn nothing more.

The three daughters of Richard Godfrey, Sen., were Jane who married in 1670, John Cobb; Alice, who married Pete Holbrook; and Susanna, who married July 10, 168: Edward Kettle.

Of the children of Richard Godfrey, Jr., and wife Ma

Richmond, we learn that Alice, born Aug. 20, 1680, married a Gushee, and became the mother of the family of that name in Raynham, and probably the ancestors of that worthy man, Abraham Gushee, who was born in Raynham, graduated at Brown University in 1798; ordained in Dighton, Sept. 23, 1803, and continued in the ministry in that place about fifty-three years, and during that long period "ne'er changed or wished to change his place."

Richard, born March 1, 1681, married Dec. 15, 1709, Bathsheba Walker, and they were the parents of that distinguished man, Maj. Richard Godfrey, a Captain in Col. Ruggles's regiment in 1755, and afterwards Major in Col. Doty's regiment in 1758—these expeditions being in the French and Indian War—grand-parents of Dr. Job Godfrey, of Taunton, and great-grand-parents to Dr. Jones Godfrey. (A diary of the marching and fighting of Capt. Godfrey's company may be seen in the work entitled, "Peirce Family of the Old Colony," pages 109 to 114.)

John Godfrey (son of Richard, Jr., and wife Mary Richmond) was a leading and useful man in his time, and of great service to those of his generation. He was commissioned a Captain in 1745, and a Justice of the Peace in or before 1744. In his capacity of a Justice he joined many persons in marriage, and with a care and forethought at that time seldom equalled, kept a private record of the same in addition to returns that he also made to the proper authorities. Since the destruction of the town records of Taunton by fire (in 1838), these private records of John Godfrey, Esq., have come to be of very great value, and fill a place that nothing else is now left to occupy. He was father of that very distinguished man, Brig.-Gen. George Godfrey, of Taunton, a soldier in the French and Indian war, and Brigadier-General in the war of the Revolution, County Treasurer for Bristol Co., Justice, &c.

Abigail, a sister of John Godfrey, Esq., was born Nov. 5, 1684, and married Henry Hoskins, of Taunton, blacksmith.

He was a son of William Hoskins, of Taunton, a soldier in the "Narraganset War," waged one hundred years before that of the "Revolution." They were the grand-parents of Abial Peirce, a Captain in the French and Indian war. and Abial Peirce, Job Peirce, Henry Peirce, Seth Peirce, and Jacob Hoskins, Captains in the patriot army of the "Revolution," and great-grand-parents to Levi Peirce, a Major, and Peter H. Peirce, a Captain, in the "War of 1812."

Coming down to the next generation, we find Dr. Job Godfrey, who, to use the language upon the monument to his memory, was "A man of great worth, whose physical, intellectual and moral powers were remarkably adapted to his sphere of action." "Fifty years of unexampled labor and success were testimonials to his excellences in the healing art, while his zeal to promote the general good was a proof of his benevolence. His heart was alive in all the relations of life. Honor, punctuality and justice marked his steps. The voice of pain and disease from the obscurest penury reached his ear and commanded his skill. He was justly entitled to the distinguished appellation of the disinterested physician, a father to the poor."

His son, Dr. Jones Godfrey, was also justly celebrated as a physician. They were known in Taunton as "old Dr. and young Dr. Godfrey." Both men of rare value. Dr. Job died in 1813; Dr. Jones Godfrey died Dec. 11, 1831. He graduated at Brown University in 1793. The medical skill of these two physicians was doubtless in a good degree inherited from Dr. Ezra Dean, of Taunton, one of the first practitioners in that place. Dr. Dean was grandfather of Dr. Job Godfrey, being the father of Theodora Dean, the wife of Maj. Richard Godfrey, who were the parents of Dr. Job, and grand-parents of Dr. Jones Godfrey. Besides these qualities of usefulness, handed down and transmitted from the maternal side, "length of years" was also a legitimate inheritance. Theodora, the mother, died Jan. 14, 1813, aged 100 years and 14 days! She was nearly

related to a family of Deans in which the eleven children lived more than one thousand years. Of this branch of the Godfrey family, therefore, might it in truth be said, in their right hand was length of years, and in the "left riches and honor."

John Godfrey, another son of Dr. Job, lived to an advanced age, and served in the office of "Proprietors' Clerk" more than sixty years; and to his gleanings I am indebted for some of the facts herein set forth. Hannah, a daughter of Dr. Job, in her will bequeathed one thousand dollars to the noble object of suitably enclosing the burial place on the plain, so called, in Taunton; which legacy was faithfully and *peaceably* appropriated by the executor, as Hannah left behind her no "mean relatives" to try to break the will — a thing very common in those families where at death an effort is made to be better than they have been in life, and when of course the person is acting *un*naturally, while their kindred, in trying to undo what is done, are acting in a manner perfectly natural.

George Godfrey, a son of John Godfrey, Esq., and wife Joanna Gooding, grandson of Richard Godfrey and wife Mary Richmond, and great-grandson of Richard Godfrey and wife —— Turner, was born in Taunton, March 19, 1721, and married May 9, 1744, Bethiah, second daughter and fifth child of Maj. Joseph Hodges, of Norton. The maiden name of her mother was Bathiah Williams, a daughter of Thomas Williams, and granddaughter of Richard Williams, "the father of Taunton," who was a brother of the renowned apostle of religious liberty, Roger Williams, the founder of Rhode Island. Richard Williams's wife was Frances Dighton, for whom the town of Dighton was named. Her sister, Catherine Dighton, was the wife of Gov. Thomas Dudley, and mother of Gov. Joseph Dudley and Judge Paul Dudley. Richard Williams was also believed to have been by blood nearly related to Oliver Cromwell.

Maj. Joseph Hodges was Major of the Bristol Co. Regi-

ment that participated in the glorious victory and remarkable achievement, the capture of the fortress at Louisburg, June 17, 1745, in which expedition Maj. Hodges lost his life. His son Joseph Hodges, a Captain in the Provincial army, was killed in battle in the French and Indian War, 1756.*

Thus it is seen that the natural, legitimate and proper advantages of George Godfrey's "birth-right" were not in marriage bartered "for a mess of pottage." It was no wedding of a hawk to a buzzard, or allying the eagle with a carrion crow, but a union of hearts, hands and interests eminently "fit to be made;" and the results of thus adhering to the laws of nature, reason and practical common sense, were seen and felt in the subsequent life and acts of the man who with such a "help-mete" became, as reasonably might have been expected that he would, one of the most able, useful, distinguished and honorable men in Taunton, and indeed in the County of Bristol. The late Gov. Morton remarked, that Brig.-Gen. George Godfrey probably did more law business in the latter part of the last century than any professional lawyer in Taunton. But Gen. Godfrey did not pretend to practise law.

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* A silver-hilted sword, worn by Maj. Joseph Hodges in the "Old French War," 1745, descended as an heir-loom to his son Capt. Joseph Hodges, who was killed in battle in the French and Indian War, 1756, and also owned and worn by a grandson, Joseph Hodges, while serving as a Lieutenant in the patriot army of the Revolution. Isaac Hodges, a son of Major Joseph, was a Captain in the patriot army, and on the 10th of June, 1779, promoted to Lieut.-Colonel. Charity Hodges, daughter of Maj. Joseph, was born March 30, 1716, and became the wife of Lieut.-Colonel James Winslow, of Freetown. She was a most excellent woman. The writer's grandfather (Capt. Job Peirce, Captain in the Revolution) remembered to the day of his death, and ever took pleasure in relating the kindness he experienced at the hands of Mrs. Winslow one snowy day in winter, he being at the time a boy at considerable distance from home, and had lost his hat. Stopping at Col. Winslow's to warm, his condition immediately excited her compassion, and she improvised for him a woolen cap that she made of a stocking leg, sewing together the smaller end; and this donned, he wore home, protecting his head and ears from the inclemency of the weather. Ever after this event awakened in his mind reflections of gratitude not exceeded by the pride of covering the same crown with hat cocked and plumed to suit the "pomp and circumstance of glorious war."

He was a Justice of the Peace for the County, and seems to have inherited from his father, John Godfrey, Esq., that practical and legal ability, the perfect method in business that makes everything work like finished and properly adjusted machinery. As in the cases of his kinsmen, Drs. Job and Jones Godfrey, who without either being "a seventh son," were evidently *born doctors* — so was George a most thorough business man. His practical mind caused him to make successful whatever he undertook, whether in a civil or military capacity; and the many bushels of old papers that he left left at his decease, verify the statement that he did a great amount of labor in both. The historian of the present day proceeds very laboriously, and in fact imperfectly, in what pertains to Taunton in "ye olden tyme," unaided by that great, very important and almost indispensable authority, now familiarly known as the "BRIGADIER GODFREY PAPERS." These, with those of his father, before noticed, are frequently referred to, and supply in part the deficiency occasioned by the loss of the Town Records by fire.

In the French and Indian War, George Godfrey served on the frontier, and in 1762 was commissioned Captain of a troop of horse, Joseph Dean being his Lieutenant, Nathaniel Leonard Cornet or color-bearer, John Tyler and Samuel Wilde Quarter-masters. Of the militia regiment, embracing the companies in what is now Taunton, Easton, Norton, Mansfield, Attleboro' and Raynham, on the 25th of March, 1762, was appointed Samuel White, a Taunton lawyer, Colonel; George Leonard, of Norton, Lieut.-Colonel; Thomas Morey, of Norton, and Seth Williams, of Taunton, Majors. To this regiment Captain Godfrey's "troopers" were annexed.

About nine years later, George Leonard was promoted to Colonel, with Daniel Leonard, of Taunton, as Lieut.-Colonel, and George Godfrey, of Taunton, Major.

George Williams, of Taunton, was at about the same time made 2d Major, and Apollos Leonard Adjutant.

In 1774, another change in the field and staff officers of the regiment was made, and in that year was commissioned

George Godfrey, of Taunton, Colonel.
George Williams, of Taunton, Lieut.-Colonel.
Nathaniel Leonard, of Taunton, Major.
Zephaniah Keith, of Easton, 2d Major.
Abijah Hodges, of ——, Adjutant.

It thus continued to be when the war for Independence commenced, and in the reorganizations that resulted therefrom, Col. George Godfrey, of Taunton, was promoted to Brigadier-General, and was the first citizen of Bristol Co. upon whom that rank, title, honor and commission was conferred.* It bore date of February, 1776. As Brigadier

* The names of Gen. Godfrey's successors in the office of Brigadier General and commandant of all the local militia of Bristol County, together with the dates of their several commissions and also of their discharges resulting from resignation or promotion, were as follows:

James Williams, of Taunton, commissioned July 1, 1781; discharged Feb. 6, 1792.
Silas Cobb, of Norton, commissioned Aug. 2, 1792; discharged Feb. 10, 1802.
Benjamin Bates, of Mansfield, commis'd April 20, 1802; discharged March 3, 1809.
Thomas Lincoln, of Taunton, commissioned May 18, 1809; discharged 181–.
Benj. Lincoln, of N. Bedford, commissioned May 15, 1815; promoted June 4, 1819.
Shepherd Leach, of Easton, commissioned July 16, 1819; promoted Feb. 16, 1827.
Cromwell Washburn, of Taunton, commis'd April 18, 1828; prom'd Mar. 12, 1830.
William Peck, of Dighton, commissioned Sept. 11, 1830; discharged 1833.
James D. Thompson, of N. Bedford, commiss'd 1833; promoted Feb. 20, 1835.
Philip R. Bennett, of F. River, commis'd May 20, 1835; discharged April 1, 1836.
John B. Read, of Pawtucket, commis'd Sept. 20, 1836; disch'd April 24, 1840.

The legislature of Massachusetts, in session April 24, 1840, abolished the old system, and as a consequence disbanded the Bristol Co. Brigade that had maintained its organization since February, 1776, or the term of sixty-four years, two months, and during which time the office of Brigadier was successively held by twelve gentlemen, or on an average of five years and four months each. Four of these were promoted to Major-General.

Succeeding this was what was called the Volunteer Militia system, and in which the volunteer companies of Bristol Co. were made a part of the 2d Brigade, 1st Division, Mass. Vol. Militia. The voluntcer militia of all Plymouth Co., and nearly all of Norfolk, were of this 2d Brigade, and the following named gentlemen held the office of Brigadier-General:

Freeman White, of Braintree, commissioned Sept. 3, 1840; resigned and was honorably discharged, Dec. 28, 1841.

Henry Dunham, of Abington, commissioned March 10, 1842; cashiered and dismissed by sentence of a court martial, 1850; died in 1874.

he commanded all the militia of the County, the same being organized as four regiments, and the field officers as follows:

First Regiment.

Thomas Carpenter,* of Rehoboth, Colonel.
Luther Thurber, of ——, Lieut.-Colonel.
Nathan Daggett, of Rehoboth, Major.
Peleg Slade, of Swansey, 2d Major.
Frederick Drowne, of Rehoboth, Adjutant.

Second Regiment.

Edward Pope, of Dartmouth, Colonel.
John Hathaway,† of Berkley, Lieut.-Colonel.
Sylvester Richmond, of Dighton, Major.
Joshua Hathaway, of Freetown, 2d Major.
Isaac Hathaway, Adjutant.

Third Regiment.

George Williams, of Taunton, Colonel.
Zephaniah Keith, of Easton, Lieut.-Colonel.
Abiel Mitchell, of Easton, Major.
James Williams, Jr., of Taunton, 2d Major.
William Seaver, of Taunton, Adjutant.

Fourth Regiment.

John Daggett,‡ of Attleboro', Colonel.

Eliab Ward, of Middleboro', commissioned April 8, 1850; dismissed by the Governor on charge of incompetency, Oct. 9, 1855.

Ebenezer W. Peirce, of Freetown, commissioned Nov. 7, 1855; appointed Colonel of a three-years' regiment (in the Union Army, late War of the Rebellion), Dec. 13, 1861, and thus vacated this place of Brigadier. The brigade was soon after disbanded, and the troops within its limits put into the 1st or Boston Brigade.

This is the history of the general officers of Bristol County militia for eighty-six years, or from the War of the Revolution to that of the Rebellion.

* He commanded a regiment in the field service of the patriot army of the Revolution, and was a brave man and meritorious officer.

† Commanded a regiment in the service at Little Compton, R. I., in 1777. Used to pray at the head of his regiment sitting on horseback. His homestead farm is now owned by Giles L. Leach, Esq.

‡ Grandfather of Hon. John Daggett, historian of Attleboro'.

Ephraim Lane, of Norton, Lieut.-Colonel.
Isaac Dean, of Mansfield, Major.
Enoch Clapp, Adjutant.

Most of these commissions were conferred in the month of February, 1776, and in October of that year a Brigade Corps, called a "Train of Artillery," was formed. This was what came to be known as the "*Norton Artillery*" company. As artillery it performed duty in the Revolution, and also in the war of 1812; and being changed to infantry kept up its organization, and gallantly responded at the "first call" in the late war of the great rebellion, and performed a tour of duty with those who served three months in Virginia, being in the 4th Regiment of the Mass. Vol. Militia, under Col. A. B. Packard, of Quincy, and the Brigade of Brig.-Gen. Ebenezer W. Peirce, of Freetown.

At its original organization, Oct. 31, 1776, the commissioned officers were as follows:*

George Makepeace, of Norton, Captain.
Seth Smith, of Norton, Lieutenant.
Ephraim Lane, Jr., of Norton, 2d Lieutenant.

General George Godfrey retained the command of the Bristol Co. Brigade until 1781, a term of about five years, and those too including the most dark and gloomy period of the American Revolution, and which are spoken of even now as "the days that tried men's souls." He was succeeded in the office of Brigadier, by James Williams, Jr., Esq., of Taunton, long and favorably known as the Register of Deeds, and to whom further allusion will be made in another part of this work.

It is greatly to be regretted that an earlier and much abler

* This company performed a tour of duty in Rhode Island under Capt. Makepeace in 1776 and '77, and another tour in that State under Capt. Seth Smith in 1780. In the war of 1812, Isaac Lane was Captain, and the company was in the Coast Guard at New Bedford twelve days in June, 1814, and in August of that year part were on duty in Fairhaven and part in Boston. In 1861 D. L. Shepherd was Captain.

pen than mine has not been employed to portray the character and perpetuate a knowledge of the acts of this good and great man.

That in one of the expeditions to Rhode Island in the war of the Revolution, George Godfrey commanded in the field in his capacity of Brigadier, seems to my own mind very probable; and by some one having free access to his papers, this might be settled. But no one as yet seems to have been self-sacrificing enough to devote the time and pains necessary to enable him to answer that question. Certain it is that he devoted much time and did a great deal with the pen for the cause of his country, if not actually using his sword on the battle-field. But he suffers the common fate of by far too many patriots who serve a Republic that is proverbially ungrateful, and where,

> "When war is declared and danger nigh,
> God and the soldier is the people's cry;
> But when war is ended and trouble righted,
> God is forgot and the soldier slighted."

Richard Godfrey and wife —— Turner had:

(2) Richard, m. Jan. 1, 1679, Mary Richmond, a daughter of John Richmond, of Taunton.

(3) John, married, but I have not learned wife's name.

(4) Robert, married, " " "

(5) Jane, b. ——; m. 1670, John Cobb.

(6) Alice, b. ——; m. Peter Holbrook.

(7) Susanna, b. ——; m. July 10, 1682, Edward Kettle.

Richard Godfrey (No. 2) and wife Mary Richmond had:

(8) Alice, b. Aug. 20, 1679; m. —— Gushee.

(9) Richard, b. March 1, 1681; m. Dec. 15, 1709, Bathsheba Walker.

(10) Mary, b. May, 1682; m. —— Smith.

(11) Abigail, b. Nov. 5, 1684; m. Henry Hoskins, of

Taunton. She died Nov. 4, 1755. He died July 29, 1771. He was born Oct. 12, ~~1686.~~ 1684 He m. second, Mrs. Priscilla Booth.

(12) Joanna, b. July 30, 1686; m. Seth Burt.

(13) Sarah, b. May 15, 1689; m. Peter Walker.

(14) John, b. Oct. 31, 1691; m. Feb. 2, 1716, Joanna Goodwin, of Dighton. He died Nov. 4, 1758. She died March 9, 1765. He was commissioned Captain of a militia company in Taunton in 1745, and was a Justice of the Peace for Bristol County in or before 1744.

(15) Joseph, b. March 1, 1695; never married. He gave his estate to brothers Richard and John to be divided equally.

JOHN GODFREY (No. 3)

is said to have married and raised up a family in what was called the Narragansett Country, but of these I have learned no further.

ROBERT GODFREY (No. 4) and wife had:

(16) Mary, b. April 5, 1686.

JOHN COBB and wife JANE GODFREY (No. 5) had:

(17) John, b. March 31, 1678.

EDWARD KETTLE and wife SUSANNAH GODFREY (No. 7) had:

(18) Mary, b. April 5, 1683.

RICHARD GODFREY (No. 9) and wife BATHSHEBA WALKER had:

(19) Richard, b. March 23, 1711; m. Theodora Dean, of Taunton, a daughter of Dr. Ezra Dean. She died June 14, 1813, aged 100 years and 14 days. He was a Captain in Col. Ruggles's regiment in 1755; Major of Col. Doty's regiment in 1758, in the French and Indian war.

(20) Bathsheba, b. May 24, 1713; m. Samuel Williams.

(21) James, b. 17—

(22) Mary, b. 17—; m. Col. Thomas Gilbert, of Berkley. He died July 1, 1797, aged 83 years. He was a Captain at the taking of Louisburg in 1745.

Henry Hoskins and wife Abigail Godfrey (No. 11) had:

(23) Mary, b. Oct. 8, 1711; m. Dec. 13, 1728, Ebenezer Peirce, of Middleboro'. He died Aug. 14, 1796. She died Oct. 5, 1768. Great-grand-parents to the writer of this family history and genealogy.

(24) Henry, b. Dec. 12, 1712; m. twice: first, Hannah ———. She died Feb. 7, 1745, and he m. second, Jan. 8, 1746, Mary Rounsevill, of Freetown. She died Aug. 17, 1792. He died June 3, 1796.

(25) Anna, b. June 22, 1714; m. Feb. 9, 1732, Melatiah Hathaway, of Taunton. She died and he married again.

(26) Abigail, b. Aug. 24, 1719; m. Aug. 16, 1737, Shadrach Peirce, of Middleboro'. Removed to Spencer.

(27) Sarah, b. Nov. 18, 1726; m. Jan. 31, 1745, Dea. William Hoar, of Middleboro' (now Lakeville). He died April 25, 1795. She died Nov. 15, 1774.

Peter Walker and wife Sarah Godfrey (No. 13) had:

(28) Peter, m. 1742, Sarah Sampson, of Middleboro'.

(29) Hannah, m. John Burt, Jr., of Berkley.

(30) Sarah, m. May 12, 1737, William Holloway, of Middleboro'. He d. Oct. 7, 1778. He removed to Dighton.

(31) Dorothy, m. Feb. 16, 1749, Sylvester Atwood, of Dighton. He died April 19, 1815, in his 90th year.

(32) Mary, m. 1747, John Sampson, of Middleboro'.

Peter, the parent, was born in or about 1690; died Jan. 7, 1770. Lived on the place now owned and occupied by Stephen Peirce, in Taunton; made a will, 1767; sold his homestead to son-in-law William Holloway, in 1747. It was afterwards sold to Stephen Hathaway, of Freetown.

John Godfrey, Esq. (No. 14) and wife Joanna Goodwin had:

(33) A child still-born May, 19, 1719.

(34) George, b. March 19, 1721; m. May 9, 1744, Bethiah Hodges, a daughter of Major Joseph Hodges, of Norton. She died Jan. 27, 1786. He married, second, Sept. 5, 1786, Mrs. Abigail Dean. Her maiden name was Shaw. He was Captain of cavalry in 1762; Major of infantry in 1771; Colonel in 1774; Brigadier-General in 1776; County Treasurer and Justice of Peace.

(35) John, b. Dec. 24, 1723; d. Oct. 29, 1725.

(36) John, b. Nov. 25, 1728; d. Nov. 26, 1749.

Maj. Richard Godfrey* (No. 19) and wife Theodora Dean had:

(37) Job, b. 1742; m. Abigail Jones, of Raynham. She died Nov. 28, 1814, in her 70th year. He died 1813. He was long known and justly celebrated as a skilful physician.

(38) Theodora, m. twice: first, Lieut. Josiah Robinson, of Raynham. He died ——, and she married, Dec. 30, 1783, Capt. Abial Peirce, of Middleboro'. He died Dec.

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* Richard Godfrey's Company in Col. Timothy Ruggles's Regiment, 1755:— Richard Godfrey, Captain; Joseph Fairbanks, Lieutenant; Josiah Robinson, Ensign; Sergeants, Benjamin Ray, Aaron Blake, Jonathan Shaw; Eliphalet White, Clerk; Corporals, Joseph Williams, Samuel Thresher, Wm. Ray, Henry Bragg; Drummer, Jonathan Caswell, of Norton; Privates, Zephaniah Lane, Robert Cooke, Ezekiel Force, William Lyon, Jonathan Ware, Edward Harvey, Richard Briggs, Benjamin Cobb, Moses Knowland, Elisha Turner, Elkanah Hall, John Ellis, Amos Wade, John Ingall, Nathaniel Morse, Asa Grant, John Cox, Uriah Morse, Christopher Grant, Joseph Godfrey, Benjamin Robinson, Benjamin Cole, Constant Bragg, Eleazer Ellis, Ebenezer Hills, Adam Blackman, Samuel Drake, John Wilson, Jabez Vaughan, John Knapp, John Lawrence, Isaac Sampson. Elcazer Ellis served until September, when he was killed. John Lawrence was such a coward as to be unfit for service, and allowed to go home. Isaac Sampson got off on the plea of sickness and the payment of money.

Field and Staff Officers of the Regiment to which Capt. Richard Godfrey's Company belonged:—Timothy Ruggles, Colonel; Thomas Gilbert, Lieut.-Colonel; Jonathan White, Major; Nathan Blake, Adjutant; Thomas Pyncheon, Surgeon; Edward Flint, Surgeon's Mate.

26, 1811. She died ———. Both her husbands were commissioned officers in the French and Indian War, and the last in the War of the Revolution.

Col. Thomas Gilbert and wife Mary Godfrey (No. 22) had:

(39) Thomas, b. Aug. 9, 1738; m. Nov. 14, 1765, Elizabeth Tisdale, of Freetown. He was commissioned Lieut. of the company of militia at Berkley in 1762; promoted to Major in or about 1771; discharged Sept. 19, 1775.

(40) Mary, b. Dec. 2, 1739. [Berkley Records.]

(41) Bradford, b. Jan. 27, 1746; m. Nov. 21, 1776, Mary Tisdale, of Freetown. He d. in St. John, N. B., 1814.

(42) Hannah, b. 17—; m. 1768, Ephraim Winslow, of Freetown. He was a son of Lt.-Col. James Winslow.

(43) Perez, proscribed and banished as a Tory.

Thomas Gilbert, the parent, was born in Taunton, that part now Berkley, and first comes conspicuously before the public as a Captain in the Bristol County regiment that formed a part of Sir William Pepperell's force sent to Cape Breton in 1745, and participated in the capture of Louisburg. He was not a Captain at the organization of the regiment, but came to hold that place before that expedition was over. A few years later he was commissioned as a Justice of the Peace, and also as Lieut.-Colonel of the 2d Regiment in the local militia of Bristol County, said regiment then embracing the "train bands" and "alarm lists" of what is now Berkley, Dartmouth, Dighton, Fairhaven, Fall River, Freetown, New Bedford, Westport, and nearly all of Acushnet. Of this regiment, at that time, Ezra Richmond, of Dighton, was Colonel, and Abiel Terry, of Freetown, Major.

In the French and Indian War, Thomas Gilbert held the same rank and place in Col. Ruggles's regiment, in its

operations in the field, that he did in the militia at home, and it was while thus engaged that his acts caused him to be arrested and brought before the Massachusetts Legislature for trial, which trial and conviction of the crimes alleged caused him to be dismissed from all the posts of honor, trust or profit that he held by virtue of executive appointment, civil as well as military. The record of that trial, as it still appears upon the official files of the General Court, is most damaging to his character, and would have effectually silenced and wholly subdued any man of modesty, and sent him into hopeless obscurity, loaded with contempt and shame, only to have ended when he was in the grave and his name and fame consigned to oblivion.

Not so, however, with him, as modesty and honesty alike seem to have formed very small parts of his character; and by pushing his way vigorously he succeeded, about four years later, in securing to himself an appointment to the office of Colonel in the same regiment of the local militia from which he had been deposed from that of Lieutenant. Col. Job Winslow, of Dighton, was at the same time made his Lieut.-Colonel, Zaccheus Tobey, of Dartmouth, and Ebenezer Winslow, of Berkley, Majors, and Benjamin Grinnell, of Freetown, Adjutant.

Extracts from the Journal of the House of Representatives of his Majesty's Province of the Massachusetts Bay, June 7, 1758.

*William Brattle Esq*r. came down with a Message from the honourable Board to acquaint the House, That they are now on a Hearing of Col. *Gilbert*, and the Board apprehending that Col. White and Capt. Morey,* Members of the House are able to inform them in some Particulars reletive to the affair therefore desire they may be allowed to attend the Board.

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* Capt. Morey was Representative from Norton. He had done service in the field, and was promoted to Major of 3d Regiment local militia of Bristol county, March 25, 1762.

June 8th, 1758.

*John Erving Esq*r. brought down the Complaint exhibited the laft Year againft Col. Thomas Gilbert and referred over to the present Sefsions with the feveral Papers accompanying the fame Pafs'd in Council viz. In Council June 7th 1758.

The Board taking into Confideration the feveral Charges againft Thomas Gilbert Efqr. for fraudulent and corrupt Practices as an Officer in the Militia and having fully confidered the Evidence brought to fupport said Charges and the Defence made by faid Gilbert came to the following Refolutions.

That it appears That the Son of faid Thomas Gilbert (being under Age) received the Sum of ten Pounds for inlifting as a private Soldier, that afterwards by Force of the Encouragement given by faid Gilbert to John Hall that he should have a Commifsion faid Hall inlifted without any Bounty or Hire and was received in Lieu of the faid Gilberts Son who retained the ten Pounds given for hire and was difcharged from his Inliftment.

That the faid *Thomas Gilbert* likewife received from Capt. Benajah Babbit * the further Sum of eleven Pounds under Pretence of hire for faid Hall which Sum was never paid to Hall and faid Hall afterwards received the Commifsion propofed.

That the faid Gilbert received of *Ifaac Sampfon* † twenty nine pounds old Tenor and of *John Lawrence* ‡ ten Dollars & an half for Bounty and advanced Wages &c returned by faid Men for which faid Gilbert has not accounted.

That the faid Thomas Gilbert received from Capt. Wyllis § fifty five Dollars in order to hire a Man into the Service which Man the faid Wyllis was required to raife for which Sum of fifty five Dollars faid Gilbert afterwards gave his Note to Brightman towards hire ‖ of a Man raifed by him altho' it does not appear that faid Note was given until fome months after the faid Gilbert received the faid money.

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* Capt. Benajah Babbit was Captain of the Berkley company of local militia.

† Isaac Sampson got sick, as he said, and backed out and bought himself off. Two of his posterity left for parts unknown, during the last war of the great rebellion, for fear of being called to perform service in the army. History repeats itself. Isaac Sampson enlisted into Capt. R. Godfrey's company.

‡ John Lawrence made himself a laughing stock, such was his cowardice. (See Godfrey's Journal, p. 111 of Peirce Genealogy.)

§ Capt. Willis was Captain of the Dartmouth militia. He was afterward Major. He was a son of Col. Samuel Willis, of Dartmouth, now New Bedford, and a lineal descendant of Comfort Willis, of Bridgewater, a "trooper" in King Philip's War.

‖ Brightman was Capt. George Brightman, of Freetown, now Fall River. He was Captain of the 2d company of militia in Freetown, and also a Justice of the Peace for Bristol Co.

That four fire Arms, five Blankets and ſix Cartouch Boxes belonging to the Province were depoſited with ſaid Gilbert which have not been accounted for.

That the Proceedings of the ſaid Thomas Gilbert as aforeſaid were unwarrantable and require the Cenſure of this Court.

Sent down for Concurrence, And after ſome Debate thereon, Ordered, that Col. Thomas Gilbert and the ſeveral Witneſſes on the Affairs relative to him which have been in Hearing before the honourable Board be directed to attend the House to Morrow at eleven Clock in the Forenoon.

June 9th, 1758.

The House being informed That Col. Thomas Gilbert with the Witneſſes on the Matters of complaint exhibited againſt him were at the Door waiting for Admittance agreable to the Direction of the Houſe,

They were admitted accordingly; And after examining the Witneſſes and hearing the ſaid Gilbert on ſome Part the Articles of Complaint; They were ordered to withdraw.

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The Houſe Reaſsumed the Conſideration of the Complaints exhibited againſt Col. Thomas Gilbert and

Ordered That the ſaid Gilbert with the ſeveral Witneſſes be directed to attend, Who attended accordingly And after the witneſſes on each Side had been carefully examined and the ſaid Gilbert fully heard in his own Defence They were directed to withdraw Then the Houſe took into conſideration the ſeveral Articles of Charge exhibited againſt Col. Thomas Gilbert and having fully conſidered the Evidence in ſupport of ſaid Articles and what the ſaid Gilbert had to offer in his own Vindication,

Reſolved that it appears to this Houſe That the ſaid Col. Thomas Gilbert received the Sum of twenty one Pounds of Capt. Benajah Babbit for which he never accounted; but in order to avail himſelf thereof gave Encouragement to Hananiah Cornish and John Hall of having Commiſsions in Caſe they would go into the Service which they did and received their Commiſsions accordingly.

Reſolved That it appears to this Houſe That the ſaid Col. Gilbert in the Years 1755 and 1756 did date back and ordered to be dated back Sundry Inliſtments of Soldiers whereby the Government was defrauded not only of the Bounty Money but the Soldiers alſo received Wages for a longer Time than they were in actual Service.

Reſolved That it appears to this Houſe That the ſaid Col. Gilbert

received of Capt. Wyllis twenty Dollars and Security for thirty five Dollars more in Lieu of one Man wanting to compleat the Quota aſsigned him to raiſe for which he has not accounted.

Reſolved That it appears to this Houſe That the ſaid Col. Gilbert in the Year 1755 received of one Iſaac Sampſon three Pounds ſeventeen Shillings and four Pence in Lieu of his Bounty Gun and advanced Wages he having inliſted but did not proceed in the Service and for which Sum it does not appear he has ever accounted.

Reſolved That it appears to this Houſe That in the Year 1755 the ſaid Col. Gilbert received of one John Lawrence a Soldier who had Leave from Col. Ruggles to return Home from the Army a Note of Hand for ten Dollars and half in Lieu of his Bounty and advanced Wages which he had no Right to demand nor does it appear that he has ever accounted for the ſame.

Reſolved That it appears to this Houſe That the ſaid Col. Gilbert received ſundry Arms, Amunition Blankets &c in the Year 1755 Part whereof he delivered out to the Soldiers and the Remainder Viz. four or five Arms ſome Amunition and other Acoutrements and ſix or ſeven Blankets he retained and applied to his own Uſe and never returned into the Stores again nor accounted for the ſame any other Way.

Reſolved That it appears to this Houſe That the ſaid Col. Gilbert impoſed on the Government by receiving more than he ought to have received for Billeting three Companies of Soldiers in the Year 1755 from Berkley to Albany. And

Voted, That his Excellency the Captain General be deſired to Diſcard and Diſcharge the ſaid Col. Gilbert from any Poſt or Office that he now ſuſtains in the Militia. Alſo

Voted, That the Governor and Council be deſired to diſmiſs the ſaid Gilbert from any Civil Office for which he is in Commiſsion.

The language of the documents from the Governor and Council was equally severe, concurring as they did most heartily with the resolves and recommendations of the House of Representatives, as the following copy will serve to show:

In Council June 1758.

The Board taking into conſideration the ſeveral Charges againſt Thomas Gilbert Eſq^r. for fraudulent and corrupt Practices as an Officer in the Militia and having fully conſidered the Evidence brought to ſupport ſaid Charges and the Defence made by ſaid Gilbert came into the following Reſolutions.

That it appears that the Son of ſaid Thomas Gilbert (being under age) received the Sum of Ten pounds for inliſting as a private Soldier that afterwards by force of the encouragement given by ſaid Gilbert to John Hall that he ſhould have a Commiſsion ſaid Hall inliſted without any Bounty or Hire, and was received in lieu of ſaid Gilbert's Son who retained the Ten pounds given for hire and was diſcharged from his Inliſtment. That the ſaid Thomas Gilbert likewiſe received from Capt. Benajah Babbitt the further Sum of Eleven pounds under pretence of hire for ſaid Hall which Sum was never paid to Hall and ſaid Hall afterwards received the Commiſsion propoſed.

That the ſaid Gilbert received of Iſaac Sampſon Twenty nine pounds old tenor and of John Lawrence ten dollars and an half for Bounty and advanced Wages &c, returned by ſaid Men for which ſaid Gilbert has not accounted. That the ſaid Thomas Gilbert received from Capt. Wyllys fifty five dollars in order to hire a Man into the Service which Man the ſaid Wyllis was required to raiſe for which Sum of Fifty five dollars ſaid Gilbert afterwards gave his Note to Brightman tow^{ds} hire of a Man raiſed by him although it does not appear that the ſaid Note was given until ſome months after the ſaid Gilbert received the ſaid money.

That Four Fire Arms five Blankets and six Cartouch Boxes belonging to the Province were deposited with ſaid Gilbert which have not been accounted for.

That the proceedings of the ſaid Thomas Gilbert as aforeſaid were unwarantable and require the Cenſure of this Court.

Sent down for Concurrence.

A. Oliver, Sec^{y}.

He now changed his residence from Berkley to Freetown, where, like a "new broom," he for a time "swept clean," being elected Representative to the General Court for five consecutive years, and then, after six years, again sent for one year. He was also elected a Selectman of Freetown for the years 1769, '70 and '71; Assessor, 1768, '69 and '70.

In the troubles that gave rise to the War of the Revolution, as also in some of the early acts of aggression, Col. Gilbert took a most decided stand against the Colonists and in favor of the mother country. He was for Parliament and the King, and very conspicuously and offensively so. It is quite probable that his influence in town was mainly instru-

mental in bringing about that state of affairs shown by the following documents to have existed there in 1768:

Briſtol ss.

{ SEAL. } To one of the Conſtables of ye Town of Freetown in ye County of Briſtol in ye Province of ye Maſsachuſetts bay in New England. Greeting.

{ SEAL. } Whereas there is application made by ye Selectmen of ye Town of Boston that a Legual Town meeting held on ye thirteenth and fourteenth Days of this inſtant Sepr. did paſs ſeveral votes which they desire we the Subſcribers would immediately lay before ye town of Freetown at a town meeting for our candid and particular attention and to act thereon as we may think proper concerning choſeing a Committee man or men to join ye Committee appointed by ye Town of Boſton to sit in Convention with ſuch others as may be choſen by other towns within this Province in order that ſuch meaſures may be conſulted and adviſed as his Majesty's ſervice and ye Peace and ſafty of his ſubjects in ye Province may Require.

These are in his Majeſties Name to Require you forthwith to Warn ye Freeholders and other Inhabitants of ye Town of Freetown qualified to Vote in publick Town meetings that they aſsemble themſelves together at our Publick meeting Houſe on Tueſday ye Twenty Seventh day of this Inſtant September at one of ye clock in ye afternoon then and there to act as ye Town shall think proper concerning ye within mentioned warrant.

Given under our hands & Seals this Nineteenth Day of this inſtant September.

THOMAS DURFEE, } Selectmen
PHILIP HATHWAY, } of Freetown.

Bristol ss.

By Virtue of this Warrant I have Warned the Inhabitants of ye town of Freetown all that is qualified by law to vote in Town Meetings by poſting up Notification to meet according to time and place within mentioned.

JONATHAN READ, Conſtable of Freetown.

At a Legual Town meeting agreeable to & by Virtue of the aforeſ^{d} and above written Original Warrant, met at time & place accordingly & opened ſ^{d} meeting. Made Choice of Thomas Gilbert Eſq Moderator. Put to vote whether to chooſe a Committee man or men to go to

Boſton according to the aforeſaid Warrant or no & that it should be determined by YE and No. Ye for ſending and No for not ſending.

Decided as followeth.

Ye.	Thomas Durfee ye 2^{ond}	No.	Zebedee Terry
Ye.	Philip Hathway	No.	Caleb Boomer
Ye.	Nathan Simmons	Ye.	Abner Winslow
No.	Col^{o} Terry	Ye.	Edward Thurſton
No.	Abiel Terry jun^{r}	Ye.	Jonathan Reed
Ye.	William Palmer	No.	George Brightman
No.	John Evans.	No.	Andrew Ritchie
No.	John Hathway	No.	Edward Chaſe
No.	John Hathway ye 2^{ond}	No.	Thomas Durfee
No.	Capt. Parker	No.	Benjamin Tompkins
Ye.	Capt. Barnaby	No.	Capt. Winslow
No.	Col^{o} Gilbert	No.	Benjamin Grenell
Ye.	Joshua Hathway	No.	William Winslow
No.	Ebenezer Hathway	No.	George Chaſe
No.	Robert Terry	No.	Silas Hathway
No.	Levi Rounsevill	Ye.	Samuel Barnaby
No.	John Terry		

By this test vote of *Ye* and *No*, it is seen that in 1768 a very large majority were TORIES, as this stood only *ten* Whigs to *twenty-three* Tories. Levi Rounsevill, who now voted on the Tory side, soon after changed and came out Whig. He was Captain of the Minute Men of Freetown that responded at the first call, now known as the "Lexington Alarm," and subsequently a Captain in the patriot army of the Revolution.

Although not coming strictly within the limits of this work, biographically or genealogically, it does, perhaps, historically, to notice those legal voters of Freetown who were called on to determine or assist in determining matters of such great moment to our country on that memorable September day in 1768, and to acquaint the reader with what I have been enabled to glean of the personal history of each of the "ten righteous men that were found" sufficient to save the town from Toryism.

Hon. THOMAS DURFEE, second, was a distinguished man, both before, during and after the revolution. He was a Selectman of Freetown in 1757, '58, '59, '60, '61, '63, '64, '65, '66, '67, '68, '69, '70 and '71; Assessor fourteen years; Representative to the General Court twelve years; Moderator of annual town meeting five years; State Senator; Member of Governor's Council; Judge of County Court and Justice of the Peace.

Philip Hathway was a son of Ensign Jacob Hathway and wife Philip Chase. Philip, the son, was born at date unknown to me. He married, Dec. 11, 1735, Martha Simmons, of Dighton. He was a Selectman of Freetown in 1757, '60, '63, '64, '65, '66, '67 and '68; Assessor in 1759, '60, '63, '64, '65, '66 and '67; Deputy Sheriff for Bristol County.

Nathan Simmons was a son of Abraham Simmons and wife Ann Lee, and born Oct. 18, 1709; married May 6, 1736, Lydia Davis. He died June 26, 1774. Was a Selectman of Freetown in 1757, '58, '59, '60, '61, '63, '64, '65, '66, '67 and '68; Assessor, 1759, '60, '61, '63, '64, '65, '66 and '67.

William Palmer. Doubtless this was the town school master, as on the 20th of March, 1769, the town voted to pay William Palmer £24. 15s. and 10d. for keeping school seven months.

Capt. Barnaby. This was Capt. Ambrose Barnaby, born in Plymouth in 1706. One of the most wealthy men of Freetown. The men of wealth generally took up on the side of the mother country, and were denominated Tories. That Capt. Barnaby, who was now more than 60 years of age, and with large possessions at stake, should have assumed the Whig side is a matter of great consequence in determining the true character of the man. Other rich men in town finally became Whigs, not, however, from principle, but by virtue of necessity or the fear of injury or loss of property if they remained Tories. Capt. Barnaby must have been actuated by the highest and most honorable motives, as he ran a great risk in taking the Whig side in the contest at that date. He was not permitted to see the fruits of the conflict, as he died April 18, 1775, the day before the battle of Lexington, aged about 70 years. Was active for the cause of liberty as long as he lived. Held the office of Town Clerk ten years, Selectman five years, Assessor five years.

Joshua Hathway was by trade a blacksmith, and owned and occupied the premises now owned by Mr. Hambley. Perhaps his shop was afterwards used by Dea. Thomas Southworth, who worked at blacksmithing near by till within forty years past. Joshua Hathway was a son of Isaac Hathway and wife Rebecca Warren, grandson of Ensign Jacob Hathway and wife Philip Chase, great-grandson of John Hathway, Jr., of Freetown, and great-great-grandson of John Hathway, of Taunton, now Berkley. Joshua was born Jan. 19, 1728; married, Aug. 23, 1749, the widow Mary Evans. She had been the wife of Bailey Evans; her maiden name was Read. Joshua Hathway was a Representative to the General Court in 1775, and the records of that body show him to have been prominent and very active. At the reorganization of the militia in 1776 he was made a Major of 2d regiment. May 31, 1777, Freetown chose him an agent to bring the following named tories to trial: George Brightman, William Winslow, Luther Winslow, John Winslow, Jail Hathway, Solomon Terry, Col. Abiel Terry, Abiel Terry, Jr., William Hathway, Silas Hathway 2d, Silas Terry, Ebenezer Terry, Benjamin Tompkins, Ralph Paine, Job Paine, Job Paine 2d, George Chase, George Chase, Jr., Bradford Gilbert, Ephraim Winslow, Ammi Chase, Korah Durfee, Jonathan Dodson, Job Terry, Silas Sherman, Benjamin Cleveland, Abraham Ashley and John Briggs.

Abner Winslow was a farmer; son of John Winslow, and grandson of Lieut. Job Winslow, of Freetown. Abner was born May 17, 1732; married, Aug. 16, 1759, Rebecca Hathway. Abner died April 13, 1803. He was on the Freetown Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety in 1776; Selectman of Freetown in 1776, '77, '78, '80, '85 and '86. Buried in the Winslow cemetery in the southerly part of Freetown.

Edward Thurston. If this was Edward Thurston, Sen., he was born in 1695, and at this date was 73 years old. Probably it was Edward, Jr., born Sept. 6, 1724; married Parnold Mott, of Dartmouth. Edward, Sen., died Nov. 3, 1783; he was a son of Thomas Thurston, who died in Freetown, March 22, 1730, about 11 of the clock at night.

Jonathan Read, son of Oliver Read and wife Martha Durfee, and born Nov. 13, 1737, married Eunice, a daughter of Benjamin Weaver and wife Ruth Sheffield. Jonathan was a grandson of John Read, Jr., and wife Mary Pearce. Jonathan Read was chosen Treasurer of Freetown, March 9, 1772, and served ten years; Selectman, March 7, 1774, and served twelve years; Assessor, in 1794; Auditor of Town Accounts five years; Committee of Correspondence and Safety three years; Coroner for Bristol County in 1781.

Samuel Barnaby, son of Capt. Ambrose Barnaby and wife Elizabeth Gardiner, married Sylvia Winslow, of Freetown. Samuel was Town Clerk of Freetown from March 6, 1775, to July 10, 1780, or a little more than five years; Selectman from 1773 to 1779, or six years; Assessor, 1772, '73, '74, '75, '77, '78, '79, '81 and '82; Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety in 1776, '78 and '79. His lineal descendants are in the States of New York and Michigan.

We would continue these notes, with the history of those who at the time voted on the tory side of the question, but that would furnish an imperfect account of toryism in a town so strongly and so nearly unanimous on that side, as the note concerning Major Joshua Hathway fully serves to show. The subject of toryism and the sympathy for Shay's Rebellion in Freetown, would furnish a fruitful source for a much more extended account than our space will permit us herein to occupy.

A "Liberty Pole," standing on Berkley Common, disappeared one night mysteriously, and was next seen in Assonet; and some doggerel writer of that time thus alluded to the fact:

"The liberty pole
They say is stole;
We hear some dreadful stories;
Last Friday night
It took its flight
And went among the Tories."

Col. Gilbert was instrumental in obtaining the passage, in a town meeting at Freetown, of a set of resolutions censuring severely the act of throwing overboard the tea in Boston harbor, and in causing the censure to go abroad wide spread in the world under sanction of a vote of the town, by having copies of the resolutions published in the newspapers; and, as might reasonably have been expected, he soon raised a storm about his ears, which he offered as an excuse for claiming assistance, support and finally protection from

Gen. Gage at Boston, whose aid he invoked, and whose British hirelings he asked might be sent to Freetown to put down, and to keep down, by force of arms, the rising spirit of liberty.

The action of the town of Freetown concerning the destruction of the tea in Boston harbor was as follows :

Briſtol ss. To either of ye Conſtables of ye Town of Freetown in sd County,

{ SEAL } Greeting. Whereas we ye Subſcribers Selectmen of sd Town having been applied unto by a Number of the Inhabitants of sd Town,

You are therefore required forthwith to notify and warn ye Inhabitants of sd Town that they aſsemble and meet together at the middle school houſe in sd Town on Monday ye 17th day of January Current at ten of ye clock in ye forenoon, then and there to know & vote their minds reſpecting a number of perſons aſsembling themſelves together at Boſton on ye 14 of December laſt past & ſo by adjournment &c and calling themſelves by ye name of ye Body of People of this Province, & then encouraging a number Calld Indians to deſtroy 342 cheſts of Tea ſent there by ye Eaſt India Company agreeable to an act of Parliament, & vote if sd Proceedings be agreeable to ye minds of this Town or whether they will proteſt againſt it and vote and act thereon as ye Town may think moſt for their Honor & the good and Intrest of ye Town & Province Reſpecting ye destroying sd tea.

Given under our hands and seal at Freetown aforesd this eighth day of Jany in ye fourteenth Year of his Majeſties Reign 1774.

GEORGE CHASE
SAMUEL BARNABY } Selectmen.

Purſuant to ye Within written
I have warned ye Inhabitants of
Freetown to meet at time & place
within mentioned.

pr. AMBROSE BARNABY, Jr. Conſtable.

At a Town Meeting agreeable to & by Virtue of ye above Warrant on Monday ye 17th of January 1774 Made Choice of Capt. George Chaſe Moderator. Caul a Vote to know ye Minds of sd Town if they would act on ye affair Reſpecting ye Distruction of ye Tea in Boſton that belonged to ye Eaſt India Company &c. &c. &c. paſsed in the affirmative.

Caul[d] a vote to know ye minds of ye sd Town if they would adjourn sd meeting to the next annual March meeting and it paſsed in the Negitive.

Then Voted to choose a Committee to take it into their wiſe conſideration & to draw up a Reſolve Reſpecting a Body of People aſsembling themſelves together at Boſton ye 14 of December, & ſo by Adjournment to ye 16th following, & likewiſe a number of People Caul[d] Indians that there Deſtroyed 342 cheſts of Tea which was brought there by ye sd Eaſt India Company Agreeable to an Act of Parliament.

Then made choice of Thomas Gilbert, Abiel Terry, James Winslow Esq[rs], Capt. Jail Hathaway and Doct Jeffee Bullock for ye s[d] Committee to conſult thereon & to draw up a Reſolve as aforeſaid & to make Report at ye Adjournment of sd meeting.

Adjourned sd meeting to Wedneſday ye 26th Inſtant at Eleven of ye Clock in ye forenoon of sd day, then met at time and place and opened sd meeting.

Then ye aforesaid appeared and made their Report which was Received by a Vote of s[d] Town.

ZEBEDEE TERRY, Town Clerk.

Province of ye Maſsachusetts Bay.

Briſtol ss.

At a Legal Town meeting at Freetown in s[d] county on Monday the 17th day of Inſtant A.D. 1774 on purpoſe to know ye minds of ye Inhabitants of sd Town respecting a Body of People aſſembling together at Boſton on ye 16th day of December laſt paſt and then deſtroying 342 Cheſts of Tea.

Capt. George Chase Moderator of sd meeting. After ſome Debates & Duely Considering ye bad conſequences which probably may arise from ye proceeding of ye sd Body the Queſtion was put whether ye town would act on ye affair & it paſſed in ye Affirmative.

Then ye Town made Choice of Thomas Gilbert Abiel Terry James Winslow Esq[rs] Capt. Jail Hathway & Doct. Bullock a Committee to draw up ſome Votes & Reſolves Reſpecting ye Deſtroying s[d] Tea and lay ye ſame before this meeting on Wedneſday ye 26th Day of this month at Eleven of ye Clock in ye forenoon, then ye meeting was adjourned & the Committee Reſolved ye following Reſolves viz.

That it is ye Duty of this Town at this time to Expreſs our Sentiments in Matters which ſo nearly Concern us more Speedily as there ſeems to be Reaſon to fear there is a Spirit of Anarchy Diſorder and Confuſion prevailing in ſome parts of this Province.

2d Reſolved that ye Body of People at Boſton on ye 16th Day of December laſt, taking upon themſelves the ſtile & appelation of a body of People who did not indeavour to prevent the People in Indian Dreſs or Disguiſe from acting their ſavage nature in ye Diſtruction of ye Tea aforeſaid as we aprehend was not doing their duty but was Contrary to law and as we fear will bring upon us the vengeance of an offended Majesty and alſo Plunge us in Debt and Miſery when the Injured ones of sd Tea shall make their demand for ye Value of ye ſame.

3d Reſolved that this Town do humbly Declare that we Abhor, Deteſt & forever bear our Teſtimony againſt the proceedings of ye Body of Indians aforesd or any others who have or shall act in any Riotous manner, it being ſo very Contrary to the Spirit of our Laws & ye Liberty of ye People.

4th Reſolved That Thomas Gilbert Esqr our preſent Repreſentative Do & he is hereby inſtructed to uſe his utmoſt Indeavours as a member of ye Hon. Houſe of Repreſentatives that ſome effective means if poſsible be taken to prevent for ye future all ſuch Riotous & Mobish proceedings, and if Demand shall be made by ye owners of sd Tea for ye damage done them by ye Body of Indians aforesd that he appear, uſe his Indeavour & vote againſt any part thereof being paid by us who are Innocent of ye Deſtroying of ye ſame.

5th Voted that these votes and Reſolves be farely Recorded in ye town book & a copy thereof be tranſmited to ye Preſs that ye world may know our minds reſpecting our libertys and Good Government & ye Reſolutions we have to obey ye good Laws of our Land which under God for ſo long this Province have been happy in ye Injoyment of.

Thos Gilbert,
Abiel Terry,
James Winslow,
Jail Hathway,
Jesse Bullock.

This a true Record by me
Zebedee Terry
Town Clerk.

The foregoing copies of warrants, and records of town meetings held by virtue of and in accordance with the same, were copied from the second book of Freetown Records by the writer of this genealogy and family history, and are now given to the reader in full, *verbatim et literatim*, to show what a state of affairs existed in Freetown at the dates mentioned.

Some of Gilbert's correspondence was intercepted, and thus his plans became publicly known. Gov. Gage listened to his complaints, and so far complied as to send him arms and equipments for such of the militia of the town as could be induced to take the same and pledge their use in putting down the WHIGS; and to the shame of the town he found quite a body who upon those conditions accepted the "*king's arms*," and were organized and drilled in the king's name.

Copies of some of his intercepted letters will best serve to afford the reader a correct idea of the state of affairs existing in Freetown at that time.

Freetown, April ye 5th 1775.

Honourable Sir,

I received your favor of the 31st of March, nothing could animate the ſpirits of the friends of Government to a greater height than to have the aprobation of the General. My ſon took a long-boat & went to the Man of War & brought back a letter from Capt. Walis to the Admiral which I send to your care by a poor man which is the ſafest way that can be thought of at this critical time. I hear from Capt. Wallis that he fears to venture up the river with the ship, fearing there is not ſufficient deabth of water. A veſsel of leſs force might anſwer the purpoſe. Except there be ſupport by land or water there is reaſon to fear that the friends of government will give out, for they are daily threatened with all kinds of punishments, even with death itſelf.

Laſt Monday the rebels muſtered from Middleborough & Berkley Swansea and Dighton and made up a Hundred and forty in arms, marched by my houſe where were Twenty Five men with King's arms well loaded.

I went out before my door and told them that they were a poor ſet of deluded rebels. So they marched off without tearing down my houſe or killing me as the day before they ſwore they would.

I had the pleaſure to ſee the General's letter to the Juſtices. We expect but little aſsistance from thoſe out of town, but if the General ſends troops here they shall have houſes of my own ſufficient for them.

We are in high expectation of leaving the day of their arrival when we may hope to flee without fear.

There has been no act of violence since my laſt except to three men who were at Boſton laſt week on their return were perſued at or near Raynham bridge by a number of men, some on horſeback, but they took to the bush and made their eſcape.

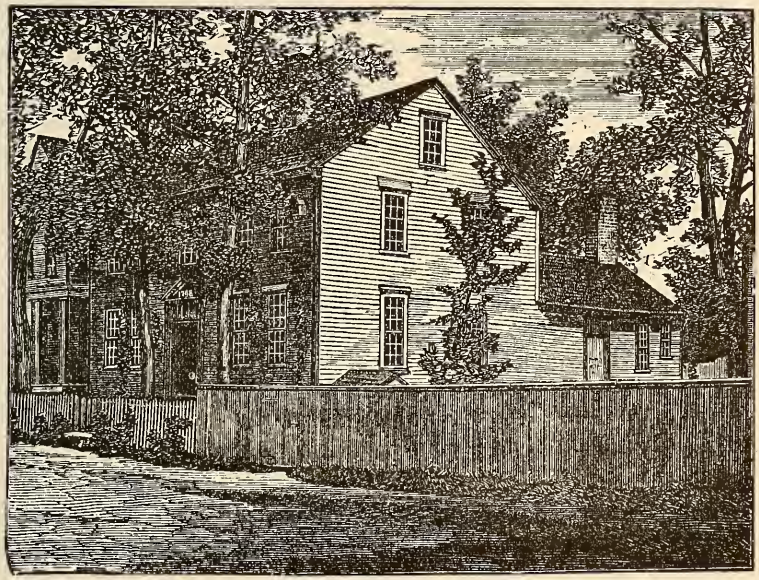
My ſon and others ſay I have a thouſand curſes every day, but thank God I neither love nor fear them.

Pray give my compliments to all true friends.

I am your obliged obedient and humble Servant

THOMAS GILBERT.

Zebedee Terry (a son of Lieut.-Colonel Abiel Terry) was one of the three men who were pursued when returning from Boston. An intercepted letter from him, describing that scene, gives us to understand how angry he was made by the occurrence.*



THE COL. GILBERT HOUSE AS IT APPEARED IN 1870.

The house that the Whigs threatened to demolish but did not tear down that April day, ninety-nine years ago, is still

* This Zebedee Terry, so valiant in words, was born Sept. 11, 1741. His mother was Hannah Tisdale, of Taunton, a daughter of Joseph Tisdale. She was united in marriage with Lieut.-Colonel Abiel Terry, of Freetown, in or about 1739. Zebedee Terry was chosen Town Clerk of Freetown, March 16, 1767, and continued in that office eight years. He wrote a very good hand. His immediate successor in that office was Samuel Barnaby, elected March 6, 1775, and filled the office five years. Col. Terry held the place twelve years, commencing May 20, 1751, and Capt. Ambrose Barnaby, father of Samuel, held it ten years—the two fathers and two sons serving as Clerk thirty-five years.

standing, and continues to be a human habitation; and the stone door-steps that served Col. Gilbert for a rostrum when he made that remarkable speech to the "*poor set of deluded rebels*," are *in statu quo*, continuing to serve their proper and legitimate purpose, though never since occupied by a speaker proclaiming the doctrine of the "divine right of kings."

Zebedee Terry's Letter.

Freetown, April ye 5th 1775.

Sir, We were attacked with a party of damed rebels when we were coming home from Boſton which ſwiſt purſued us from Kings bridge, in Raynham with their clubs ſwinging. We fled as faſt as poſsible to the woods and ſtill they purſued with all the horſemen and footmen they could muſter, about four miles.

All the harm I wish them is that if we ever come to a battle I may have a full view of theſe damed creatures when I shall with as much pleaſure shoot them through their damed hearts as I ever preſented my gun at a deer.

Your humble Servant,

ZEBEDEE TERRY.

A terrible crisis was evidently near and rapidly approaching; and the consummation arrived even sooner than many of the Tories expected, and found them with all their precautionary measures unprepared and unable to meet its difficulties, or to any considerable extent control its issues — those who had not the good fortune to escape being left helpless and entirely at the mercy of their foes, which conditions were at least, in part, evidently the result of the personal cowardice of Colonel Gilbert, their trusted leader, and in part owing to the deceit he practised in not allowing them to learn of the coming storm, when the same had by his spies and emissaries been made known to him, and which information he improved to effect an escape, sneaking off by night, the darkness hiding his dastardly movements from his followers, who awoke early the next morning to find themselves entrapped and in the power of their enemies, as their leader had not only left his home, his friends and fol-

lowers, but actually deserted and abandoned them, and aided in their capture by suppressing the diffusion of that knowledge among them that he possessed, and which, if communicated, would have enabled them to escape as well as himself.

A nephew of Col. Gilbert, who had been a resident of the British Dominions in Canada ever since that first year of the Revolution, visiting the States about twenty years since, called on the writer of this article and voluntarily communicated the facts as he had often heard Col. Gilbert relate them. The nephew of the Colonel said his uncle retired to rest in a bedroom on the lower floor of his house and lay there until the small hours of the morning, when he was aroused by a rap on the window, and informed of the coming danger; and that the Colonel arose, dressed, mounted his horse and left as still and quietly as possible; shunning roads, and keeping in the fields bordering the river till he came abreast of where the English ship of war was anchored, then hailed, was answered, and a boat sent to take him on board. Another intercepted letter of the Colonel's will serve to throw some further light upon this subject. This letter was written at Boston by the Colonel to his family, after he had left the man-of-war, in which he remained from the night of April 8 to April 27, 1775. It was directed on the outside to his son, Maj. Thomas Gilbert, of Berkley, and a copy soon after appeared in the Essex Gazette, a newspaper printed in Salem.

On the 27th of April I left the ship, took paſsage on board a packet. sloop on the firſt inſtant in health arrived here, where I expect to ſtay till the rebels are ſubdued which I believe will not be long firſt as the ships and troops are daily expected.

My greateſt fears are that you will be induced or compelled to take arms with the deluded people. Dear ſons if theſe wicked sinners the rebels entice you believe them not but die by the ſword rather than be hanged as rebels which will certainly be your fate ſooner or later if you join them or be killed in battle and will be no more than you deſerve. ..... I wish you in Boſton and all friends to government.

The rebels have proclaimed that thoſe may have liberty and come in but as all their declarations have hitherto proved falſe I fear this may be ſo. ..... Let Ruggles know that his father wants him here.

You may come by water from Newport. If here the King will give you provisions and pay you wages but by experience you know neither your perſons nor eſtates are ſafe in the country for as ſoon as you have raiſed any thing they will rob you of it as they are now more ſavage and cruel than heathens or any other creatures and it is generally thought than devils. You will put yourſelf out of their power as ſoon as poſsible.

This from your affectionate father,

THOMAS GILBERT.

While the Colonel is resting in safety on board the "man-of-war," and in Boston, let us turn our attention to Assonet village in Freetown, late head-quarters of toryism in Bristol County, where Gilbert's manœuvres have attracted the attention of a Massachusetts Congress, and tory forces there in warlike array assembled, armed and equipped with king's arms and equipments, and with the king's munitions of war liberally supplied to them by the king's loyal Governor, Gen. Thomas Gage, have banded together in the king's interest, and have been drilled and disciplined in the king's name.

These forces the Massachusetts Congress was pleased to denominate "GILBERT AND HIS BANDITTI," and to express its opinion of the same in the resolution —

"That Col. Thomas Gilbert is an inveterate enemy to his country to reaſon to juſtice and the common rights of mankind, that whoever had knowingly eſpouſed his cauſe or taken up arms for its ſupport does in common with himſelf deſerve to be inſtantly cut off from the benefit of commerce with or countenance of any friend of virtue, America or the human race."

The following is from the Essex Gazette of April 18, 1775, printed at Salem :

Boſton, Monday, April 17.

A letter from Taunton, dated laſt Friday, mentions that on the Monday before Parties of Minute Men, &c. from every Town in that County, with arms and ammunition, met at Freetown early that morning in order to take Col. Gilbert, but he had fled on board the Man of War, at Newport. They then divided into parties and took 29 Tories who had signed Inliſtments and received arms in the Colonel's Company to join the King's troops; they alſo took 35 Muskets, 2 Case Bottles of Powder and a Basket of Bullets, all which they bro't to Taunton the ſame afternoon, where the priſoners were ſeparately examined, 18 of whom made ſuch humble acknowledgments of their paſt bad conduct, and ſolemn promiſes to behave better for the future, they were diſmiſſed; but the other 11 being obſtinate and inſulting, a party was ordered to carry them to Simsbury Mines; but they were ſufficiently humble before they had got 14 miles on their way thither; upon which they were bro't back the next day, and after signing proper articles to behave better for the future were eſcorted to Freetown. There was upwards of 2000 Men embodied there laſt Monday.

Col. Gilbert, as we have seen, had not only sentinels to guard his person, but videttes to warn of danger while yet afar off, that time might be had to arouse his sleeping warriors of that "Battalion of Loyalists" he had bragged to as well as about, and properly arrange them for battle. On that eventful night of April 8, 1775, while Gilbert and the most of his soldiers slept, dangers to them and their cause had not slept around them, but on the contrary were fully awake; and the exasperated patriots of Bristol County, now thoroughly aroused, were on the "war path" and in large numbers came pouring in from north, south, east and west, till every town in the county was represented in the gathering host. Capt. Charles Strange, who resided about a mile north of Assonet Village,* said he was aroused early on the morning of April 9, and on going to the door, by the dim light of day-break discovered glimmering bayonets in the road as far as he could see both ways from his house, and all steadily and silently pressing on toward Assonet, where at sunrise the tories found themselves surrounded

* His former place of residence is now the town farm. He died in May, 1834.

and completely hemmed in on every side; nor was their wonder less that they should thus have been surprised and captured than to learn that their chief officer, the bombastic Gilbert, had escaped, on the receipt of knowledge that, had he communicated as he could and as he should have done, would have enabled them to escape also.

Brig.-Gen. GEORGE GODFREY (No. 34) and wife BETHIAH HODGES had:

(44) Lydia, b. May 21, 1745.
(45) Joanna, b. Nov. 5, 1747.
(46) Bethiah, b. Sept. 22, 1749.
(47) Mary, b. Nov. 8, 1751.
(48) Wealthea, b. May 21, 1756.
(49) George, b. Sept. 17, 1758.
(50) Rufus, b. July 8, 1761; m. March 9, 1785, Wealthea Crossman.
(51) Linday, b. March 1, 1766.

Since printing page 61 of this book I have been fortunate enough to find among the ancient documents on file in the office of the Secretary of this Commonwealth (State House, Boston), the following letter, which settles the question that I introduced on said page relative to Gen. Godfrey's field service in the War of the American Revolution.

Taunton, march 24th, 1777.

In Perſuance of Orders Recd from the Honble Major Parr of the Council of this State I with the Militia of my Brigade marchd through Rehoboth to warren with satisfaction & Pleaſure, & Recd Orders from Governor Cook on the Eighth day of December 1776 being the Time we marched & continued in the Service Twenty five Days, allowing one Day for Returning Home from Howland's Ferry. Travel fifty Eight miles at Two pence per mile Sum Total is allowing 125 Dollars per month

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Which is Submitted by Your Honours moste Humble & Obedient Servant GEORGE GODFREY, B. G.

In another document on the official files in the State House, Boston, it appears that on this expedition to Rhode Island, Adjutant William Seaver, of Taunton, performed the duties of a Brigade Major on the staff of Brig.-General George Godfrey.

Dr. Job Godfrey (No. 37) and wife Abigail Jones had:

(52) Job, b. 1763; m. Catharine Montgomery.

(53) Abby, b. 17—; m. Abiatha Codding.

(54) Betsey, b. 17—; m. Elisha Padelford.

(55) Hannah, b. 17—; m. no one. She gave one thousand dollars to enclose the cemetery on the Plain (so called) in Taunton, and it was thus expended.

(56) Jones, b. 1771; never married. Was a physician; graduated at Brown Univ. 1793; d. Dec. 11, 1831.

(57) Sally, b. 17—; m. Gilbert Winslow, of Freetown. He died March 19, 1864, aged 91 years, 10 months and 16 days.

Lieut. Josiah Robinson and wife Theodora Godfrey (No. 38) had:

(58) Godfrey, b. Feb. 11, 1766; m. April 6, 1790, Hannah Peirce, of Middleboro'. He died July 27, 1816. She died May 25, 1846. She was a daughter of Capt. Abiel Peirce, and born of his first wife Hannah Canedy, Sept. 22, 1768.

Capt. Abiel Peirce and wife Theodora Godfrey Robinson (No. 38) had:

(59) Polly, b. Aug. 6, 1784; m. twice: first, Capt. Caleb Turner King, of East Taunton. He died Dec. 21, 1825, and she m. second, Capt. John Bennett, of North Rochester. She died July 26, 1857, aged 72 years, 11 mos. and 20 days.

Capt. King was an officer in a foot or infantry company of the local militia of Taunton. Capt. Bennett was commissioned May 22, 1815, to command a cavalry company

raised in the towns of Middleboro' and Rochester, and belonging to a battalion of cavalry under Maj. Nathaniel Haskell, of Rochester. Capt. Abiel Peirce, the parent, was the second son of Ebenezer Peirce, of Middleboro', now Lakeville, and wife Mary Hoskins, of Taunton. She was a daughter of Henry Hoskins, of Taunton, and wife Abigail Godfrey (No. 11) of this family genealogy. For further concerning Abigail, see pages 53, 54, 61 and 62 of this book. Capt. Abiel Peirce was born Sept. 10, 1733, and married twice, Theodora Godfrey Robinson being his second wife. His first wife was Hannah, a daughter of Capt. William Canedy of East Taunton, and she bore him eleven children, one of whom still lives, having on the 12th of April, 1874, entered upon the ninety-fifth year of her age. Capt. Abiel Peirce died Dec. 26, 1811, aged 78 years. He was a soldier under Gen. John Winslow in the Acadian expedition, September, 1755, and again enlisted July 15, 1756, and was made a Corporal in the provincial army in 1759, and on the 4th of May in that year. commissioned as a Lieutenant. It was while a Lieutenant that he participated in the battle of Quebec (Sept. 13, 1759), and witnessed the death of Gen. Wolfe.

In 1760 he was promoted to Captain in the army then serving on the western frontier. He commanded a company of patriot militia from Middleboro' that responded to the *first call* of the country, that now generally known as the "Lexington Alarm," April 19, 1775. See copy of the roll of that company on the 62d page of the book entitled, "Peirce Family of Old Colony," and also the roll of a company that he subsèquently commanded in the patriot army of the American Revolution. His younger brothers, Job Peirce and Henry Peirce, were also soldiers in the army of the French and Indian War, Job Peirce serving out three enlistments in that army, and Henry Peirce two. In the patriot army of the Revolution, Abiel, Job, Henry, and a younger brother named Seth, were Captains, and a still

younger brother, named Ebenezer Peirce, lost his life while serving as a private soldier in the cause of liberty. Jacob Hoskins, of Taunton, a Captain in the patriot army of the War of the American Revolution, was a cousin of Captains Abiel, Job, Henry and Seth Peirce, and like them he was also a grandson of Abigail Godfrey (No. 11), the wife of Henry Hoskins. Like an ancient queen when pointing to her children, so could Abigail, in referring to these grandchildren, with equal truth say, "These are my jewels!"

For copies of rolls of the companies in revolutionary service, commanded by Captains Job, Henry and Seth Peirce, see pages 64, 65, 68 and 70, of the book entitled, "Peirce Family of Old Colony." For roll of Capt. Jacob Hoskins's company, see what the writer has presented under the title of "Hoskins Family."

Job Godfrey (No. 52) and wife Catharine Montgomery had:

(60) Job M., b. Sept. 4, 1819; m. twice: first, Elizabeth P. Hart; second, Jane Reed.

(61) Abby J., b. Dec. 7, 1821; m. Henry A. Dean.

On page 55 of this book, the name of Job the parent was given as John.

Abiatha Codding and wife Abby Godfrey (No. 53) had:

(62) Abby, m. Charles Johnson.

(63) Abiatha, m. Abbie Padelford.

(64) Sally, m. John Howard.

(65) Seth, m. no one.

(66) Job G.

(67) Timothy.

Elisha Padelford and wife Betsey Godfrey (No. 54) had:

(68) Eliza, m. George W. Hart.

Gilbert Winslow and wife Sally Godfrey (No. 57) had:

(69) Hannah G., b. Aug. 14, 1811; m. Feb. 15, 1835, John Tinkham, of Freetown.

(70) Sarah G., b. May 26, 1813; m. no one; died Aug. 21, 1839.

(71) Thomas G., b. April 14, 1816; resides in Freetown.

(72) Abigail J., b. Oct. 10, 1818.

Gilbert, the parent, died March 19, 1864, aged 91 years, 10 months and 16 days. His father, Ephraim Winslow, Esq., died Jan. 24, 1833, aged 91 years, 6 months and 17 days. Ephraim's grandfather (Capt. Josiah Winslow) died April 3, 1761, aged 91 years and some months. These three generations owned successively the same premises, carried on the same business, and died in the 92d year of their ages. Lieut.-Col. James Winslow, son of Capt. Josiah, and father of Ephraim and grandfather of Gilbert, also owned the premises and carried on the same business; he was killed by accident, but for which he too would probably have attained to the 92d year of his age. If this does not go to prove that "length of years" is a legitimate inheritance, what does it prove? What could prove it? In reason, who can dispute it?

Job M. Godfrey (No. 60) and wife had:

(73) Jones, b. July 16, 1847.

(74) Isabel, b. Nov. 4, 1848.

(75) Job, b. July 11, 1851.

(76) Abbie E., b. June 18, 1859.

Henry A. Dean and wife Abby J. Godfrey (No. 61) had:

(77) Catharine.

(78) Sarah.

(79) Ralph.

(80) Arthur.

To the mind of the writer of this book, it seems very probable that Gen. Godfrey participated in field operations on Rhode Island at a later period in that war; but of the proof we fail to become possessed in our researches in official records, and will leave that matter to some one with no more interest but better and more ready means at command to determine. On page 57 we said George Godfrey served in the French and Indian War. We should have said, "Old French War." Among the "Brigadier Godfrey Papers" that have come under my eye, was the record that he made of an order for the uniform of commissioned officers of the 3d Regiment when George Leonard, Jr., was Colonel and Godfrey was Major of said 3d Regiment in the local militia of Bristol County.

Uniform Dreſs of ye Commiſsioned officers. Captn. & Left. to Have blue Coat, Red gacet, Blew Britches, white stockings & Silver headed Sword & aſpontoon So called instead of a pike Staffe, & yellow buttons on their Coates, Goole Laſed hat.

This was a *minute* of the requirements at that time he seemed to have made for his own use and convenience, and but for which it would be difficult if not impossible now to learn what was the "regulation uniform" of a company commissioned officer one hundred and three years ago.

The "Espontoon" as it appears then succeeded the "Pike Staff," and it continued to be among the requirements at the commencement of the War of the Revolution, one being furnished by the loyal Governor Gen. Thomas Gage to that "Battalion of Loyalists" raised by Col. Gilbert. That espontoon was captured with the thirty-five muskets, &c., taken from the Tories by the Whigs, April 9, 1775, and for some sixty years remained in the possession of Lieut.-Colonel Benjamin Weaver, of Freetown, who when more than 80 years of age conferred it as a gift upon his grandson, the writer of this article, who retains it still. Col. Weaver, as Captain of militia in the latter years of that war, probably used this espontoon, as the old people who

could remember told me that an espontoon was part of the equipment of a commissioned officer of the militia for quite a number of years after the War of the Revolution had ended. On anniversary day the espontoon is still used in the "Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company,"* at Boston.

Gen. George Godfrey, when Major of the 3d Regiment, also kept a list of all the commissioned officers of that command; and when they took the oath required to enable them to enter upon their official duties, under the caption, "Sworn the 18th day of Aug. 1772," we find —

Hono^{ble} George Leonard Jr Eſq^{r}. Col^{l} Daniel Leonard Eſq^{r}. Lef^{t} Col^{l} George Godfrey Eſq^{r} to rank as Left Coll, George Williams Eſq^{r} Major, Apol^{s} Leonard adj^{t} major.

Taunton.

Capt. Daniel Wild, Leſt. John Reed, Enf^{n} Robt Croſsman.

Capt. James Leonard, Leſt William Thayer, Ens^{n} Ichabod Leonard.

Capt. Simeon Williams, Leſt. Abijah Hodges, firſt Left. Elisha Barney, ſecond Leſt. Ens^{n} Abiatha Leonard.

Capt. Cornelius White, Leſt. Eliakem Walker Junr. Ens^{n}. James Codding Ju^{r}.

Capt. Elijah Macomber, Left. Iſrael Dean, Ens^{n} Barney Canedy.

Capt. Ebenezer Dean 2d, Left. James Williams 2d, Leſt. Benjamin Dean 2d, Ens^{n} Noah Dean.

Raynham.

Capt. Iſrael Washburn, Left. Jonathan Shaw, Ens^{n} Ameriah Hall.

Capt. Elijah Leonard, Leſt. Benjamin King, Ens^{n} Gamaliel Leonard.

The above officers ſworn before George Leonard Jr, Daniel Leonard and G. Godfrey Eſq^{rs} who were thereto appointed by the Governor.

Norton.

Capt. Ephraim Lane, 1 Leſt. william Stone, 2 Left. Benjamin Morey, Ensine Elkenah Lincoln.

Capt. John Crane, 1 Left. Nathan Babbet, 2 Leſt. Seth Gilbert, Ensine George Makepeace.

Sworn Aug. 21, 1772, at Norton.

* The writer was a Sergeant of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company in 1854, and Lieutenant in 1859, and while in one office carried a pike staff, and in the other an espontoon.

Mansfield.

Job Hodges Capt. Stephen Pond 1 Left. Jacob white 2 Left. Ens^{n} Thos. Grover.

Benjamin Williams Capt, Iſaac Dean 1 Left. Abiel Clap 2 Left. Elkanah Clap Ensigne.

Attleborough.

Capt. John Daggett, firſt Left. Moſes Wilmarth, second Left. William Bockam, Ens^{n} —— wilmarth.

Capt. Jonathan Stanley, Left. Jabez Ellis, Ensine Elisha may.

Capt. Jacob Ide, Left. moſes Tiler, Ens^{n} Sam^{ll} Robinſon ſenior.

Eaſton.

Capt. Zepheniah Keith, 1 Left. macey williams, 2 Left. Joſeph Keith, Ens^{n} Elijah Hayward.

Capt. Eliphelet Leonard, Left. Abiel Mitchell, Ens^{n} Seth Lathrop.

1 Troop.

Capt. Nathl Leonard, 1 Left. Solomon Dean, 2 Left. Frederick Baylies, Cornet Elijah Dean, Quarter master George Williams.

2d Troop.

Capt. Benjamin Williams, 1 Left. John Tyler, 2d Left. Andrew Hodges, Cornet Saml Godfrey, Quarter maſter Ebenezer Tiffany.

Thus we learn that, in 1772, the third Regiment in the local militia of Bristol County embraced the towns of Taunton, Raynham, Norton, Mansfield, Attleboro' and Easton, and that said regiment was composed of *nineteen companies*, of which Taunton furnished six, Raynham two, Norton two, Mansfield two, Attleboro' three, and Easton two; and there were two companies of cavalry, then called "troopers," raised at large in the different towns within the geographical bounds or limits of the third regiment. It is doubtful whether, save this list of officers made by George Godfrey, any other can be found to show who were holding commissions in the regiment at that time, as this antedates any rosters in the office of the Adjutant General in the State House, Boston, and was copied by the writer from the "Brigadier Godfrey Papers," nearly twenty years ago.

The third regiment was soon after divided, and the detached companies formed into a new regiment numbered the fourth. Of that new regiment Capt. John Daggett was made the first Colonel, Capt. Ephraim Lane, of Norton, Lieut.-Colonel, and Isaac Dean, of Mansfield, Major. This new regiment doubtless embraced the three militia companies in Attleboro', two in Norton, two in Mansfield, and probably one of the "troops of horse" or companies of cavalry. But for a time this new regiment seems to have been known as the North division of the 3d Regiment, and so continued to be designated when Maj. George Godfrey had come to be Colonel, as some further records made by him will serve to show.

On Monday ye 21st day of November, 1774, the Eaft Division of the 3d Regiment in ye County of Briftol met at Taunton & Drawed up in a Battallion in Capt. Thos. Cobb's shed Lot fo called by ye adj'y majr Abijah Hodges in manner Hereafter Defcribed, viz.

Ye Field officers Came in on the Right wing, viz. Geo. Godfrey next to ye Battallion & George Williams on ye Right, N. Leonard on ye Left, & Z. Keith on ye Right & fo marchd Round sd Batton untill we came to ye centre, 3 of sd Field officers with their Hats under ye arm & G. Godfrey his hat on & paid his compliments to each Capt.

By reference to page 58 of this book, it will be seen that George Godfrey, at the date above named, was Col. George Williams's Lt.-Colonel; N. Leonard and Z. Keith, Majors.

A drawing of the plan of operations also accompanied the record; and from the drawing it appears that the regiment was paraded in three ranks, with an open space of five paces, or about fifteen feet in the "centre for officers," as he says.

The cavalry company was paraded on the right of the regiment, and that with the other companies presented a front as follows: Commencing on the right and taking in rotation to the left—Troop, Captain's name not given; 1st Co. Infantry, Capt. Cornelius White; 9th Co., Capt. Israel Dean, or Capt. Elijah Macomber; 5th Co., Capt. Abiel

Mitchell; 3d Co., Capt. Ebenezer Dean; 1st Co., Capt. John Reed; 2d Co., Capt. Simeon Williams; 4th Co., Capt. Samuel Leonard; 6th Co., Capt. Keith; 10th Co., Capt. Elijah Leonard; and 8th Co., Capt. Israel Washburn.

The record also informs that the 6th Co., Capt. Keith, was absent. That regimental parade was one hundred years ago next November.

But no single document among the "Brigadier Godfrey Papers" is more interesting than a retained copy of an inspection return that Gen. George Godfrey made in the month of August, 1776, a copy of which we here present.

In Compliance with the order of the Hon. Council of the Colony of the Mafsachufetts Bay I herewith Present Your Honors a Liſt & return of the four Regiments in the County of Briſtol where of the Subſcriber is Brigadier.

The Name of the Coll. of Each regiment.	No. of men Train band list.	Good Fire arms.	Ram rods.	Wormers, Priming wires, &c.	Bayonets, Scabards & Belts.	Sword, Tomahock or Hatchets.	Pouch or Cartridge Box.	No. of buck shot, 100 Each to man.	Jack Knife, &c.	No. 6 Flints to each man.	Pounds of Powder.	40 Leaden Balls each man.	nap Sack.	Blankets & Canteens.	Now absent in ye army & elsewhere	Troopers Ready.
Col. George Williams's Reg't.	719	438	141	219	183	251	266	107	398	382	236½	309	351	394	362	¼ part
Alarm List of Same.	212	108	25	35	36	85	38	28	63	91	76½	77	61	76		Ready.
Col. John Daggett's Reg't.	734	390			240	217	338	153		416	296	365	214	98	351	one quarter Equipt & Ready.
Alarm List Ditto.	236	157			85	121	112	60		159	159	133	73	24		
Col. Thos. Carpenter's Reg't.	846	495	495	495	418	455	456	412	492	492	492	458	495	495	296	
Alarm List dltto.	281	& about one half Equipt as Coll. Carpenter says.														
Col. Edward Pope's* Reg't. Alarm List ditto.	in this regiment I Cannot obtain the number in the Train band nor Alarm list, all tho for 2 months paste I have Exerted myself for that purpose.															

A True Copy from the above Sent to the Honob[l] Council of this Colony in auguſt —— day, 1776.

* Edward Pope's was the second regiment; Carpenter's the first; Williams's the third, and Daggett's the fourth. Of the second regiment, Edward Pope, Jr., was appointed Adjutant in or about 1809; promoted to Junior Major, Sept. 24, 1810; Senior Major, June 8, 1812; Colonel, July 3, 1815.

Gen. Godfrey's papers also show the names of the men drafted from the militia companies in Taunton for service in New York, December, 1776.

Drafted in Capt. Blake's Company:

Lieut. Nathan Hack, Mr. Nicholas Baylies, Luther Stetſon, Samuel Codding, David Hoskins.

In Capt. Fales's Company,

Capt. Samuel Fales, John Adams Junr, Silas Axtill, Eben^{r} Richmond, Jr.

Capt. Dean's Comp. } Capt. Dean, Job Pitts, Daniel Briggs, Abner Dean, John Thrasher, Abijah Dean, Thos. Makepeace, Jr.

Capt. James Godfrey, Capt. Job Smith.

In Capt. King's Co. } Isiah Booth, Edward Winslow Jr, Elijah Hoskins, Elkanah Caſwell Jr, Jon^{a} Paddleford, Seth Andrews, William Hoskins.

In Capt. Croſsmans Co. } Benj^{a} Shores, Edwd Phillips, Benj^{a} Sawyer, David Vickeri, Saml Andrews, James Burt, Nathl Williams.

In Captn. Leonard's Comp. } Eben^{r} Cobb 2d, Henry Burt, Abel Burt 2d, Nathan Dean, Stephen Hoskins 2d, Daniel Short, Iſaac Burt, Lieut. William Thayer.

In Capt. Barney's Co. } Lieut. Peletiah Eddy, Serg^{t} Joſeph Williams, James Leonard 3d, David Woodward, Benjn Lincoln 2d, Tim^{o}. Lincoln.

In Capt. Wilbur's Co. } Thomas Dimon, William Latta, Seth Dean, Jon^{a} Thurſton, Elijah Dean, Apolos Leonard, Abiel Smith, Abijah Hodges.

At the date of Gen. Godfrey's marching with his brigade to Warren, R. I., the field and staff officers of the four regiments composing the same probably remained as given on the 59th and 60th pages of this book, and had we the space would gladly here not only enumerate the commissioned officers of the companies composing the regiments, but the non-commissioned officers and private soldiers, and at the risk of being thought partial, we will give the names of both the officers and men then composing that time-honored

institution, the "Brigade Train of Artillery," afterward, for about ninety years, known as the "Norton Artillery Company." *

The following is a true list of those, who, in that expedition to Rhode Island, served in the Artillery, or "Train," as then called, of Godfrey's Brigade.

Commissioned Officers.

George Makepeace, Captain; Seth Smith and Ephraim Lane, Jr., Lieutenants.

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* Captains of this company, with dates of their commissions, were as follows:— George Makepeace, Oct. 31, 1776; Seth Smith, ———; Ephraim Lane, Jr., 1787; Daniel Knap, March 26, 1790; Benjamin Blandin, Dec. 28, 1795; John Gilbert, March 7, 1799; Samuel Hunt, March 9, 1802; Thomas Danforth, 2d, Aug. 27, 1804; Elisha Crossman, June 14, 1810; Isaac Lane, May 14, 1812; David Lane, Aug. 22, 1814; George Walker, May 20, 1817; Lemuel Perry, Sept. 22, 1821; Calvin Lane, March 31, 1824; George Lane, Feb. 5, 1827; Simeon Blandin, March 8, 1828. These were all residents of the town of Norton. Learned Wilmarth, Jr., Taunton, April 6, 1830; Ira Richardson, Norton, April 16, 1833; Carlos Freeman, of West Bridgewater, April 9, 1836; Earl Hodges, of Attleborough, Sept. 24, 1836; Don F. Lane, of Norton, July 4, 1839; Benjamin S. Hall, of Norton, April 24, 1841; Ira C. Root, of Easton, Feb. 5, 1842; Lwen C. Leonard, of Norton, May 13, 1843; Carlos Freeman, of West Bridgewater, May 12, 1844; Learned Wilmarth, of Taunton, July 13, 1850; Jacob T. Shepherd, of Norton, Aug. 30, 1851; Benjamin M. Round, of Norton, April 27, 1853; Charles T. Richardson, of Pawtucket, June 23, 1855; Enos W. Thayer, of Foxboro', May 28, 1857; David L. Shepherd, of Foxboro', May 20, 1858. In 1794, this company and the New Bedford Artillery were made a Battalion of Artillery, and thus continued until 1831, or a period of about thirty-seven years. The Majors Commandant of this battalion were Thomas Fobes, of Norton, from Sept. 26, 1794; Brien Hall, of Norton, from April 20, 1797; John Coggshall, of New Bedford, from ———, 181–; Samuel Stall, of New Bedford, from ———, 181–; Seneca Sanford, of Attleborough, from Sept. 6, 1823. In 1843 the Norton Artillery company was made a part of an Artillery Regiment, and thus continued until it was changed to Infantry. Field officers of the Artillery Regiment, known as Fourth Regiment of Artillery:— Colonels, Wendell Hall, of Plymouth, from July 10, 1844, to 1848; Daniel Gloyd, of Abington, from Sept. 23, 1848, to 1854, when the regiment was disbanded. Lieut.-Colonels, Ephraim B. Richards, of Boston, from Aug. 31, 1844, to 1845; Ebenezer W. Peirce, of Freetown, from Sept. 5, 1846, to July 27, 1848; Charles Brooks, of Hanover, from Sept. 23, 1848, to 1850; James Bates, of East Bridgewater, from July 26, 1851, to 1854, when the regiment was disbanded. Majors, Ebenezer W. Peirce, of Freetown, from Aug. 31, 1844, to Sept. 5, 1846; Daniel Gloyd, of Abington, from Sept. 5, 1846, to Sept. 23, 1848; James Bates, of East Bridgewater, from Sept. 23, 1848, to July 26, 1851; Quincy T. Harden, of Abington, from July 26, 1851. This was the only regiment of artillery that ever existed in the local militia of that section of the State of Massachusetts, once Plymouth colony. It existed ten years.

Non-Commissioned Officers.

Daniel Knap, Daniel Dean, Hezekiah Willard and Abiel Eddy, Sergeants; Edward Darby, Timothy Briggs, Elisha Cobb and Abiel Lincoln, Corporals.

Musicians.

Jabez Briggs, Drummer; Abiather Shaw, Fifer.

Matrosses, or Private Soldiers.

William Makepeace, John Briggs, John Patten, David Arnold, Ephraim Eddy, Oliver Smith, Ezra Eddy, John Gilbert, Benjamin Blandin, Jeremiah Campbell, Phineas Briggs, Jacob Shaw, John Clark, John Hall, Seth Gilbert, Timothy Smith, Isaac Smith, John Cook, Samuel Lane and Amasa Williams. This corps of Artillerists also performed a tour of service in Rhode Island in 1780, Seth Smith being the company commander.

On page 59 of this book were given the names of the field officers and Adjutants of the Bristol County Brigade in 1776, when Brigadier General Godfrey assumed command of the same. The following are the names of those officers at the date when he relinquished that command and the dates of their commissions.

First Regiment.

Thomas Carpenter,* of Rehoboth, Colonel, Feb. —, 1776.

* Col. Thomas Carpenter, of Rehoboth, was engaged in active service on the battle fields of the Revolution on several occasions. He had been a Lieutenant in the French and Indian War. A regiment raised in Bristol county was, in September, 1776, led by Col. Thomas Carpenter to join the army under Gen. Washington, and at the battle of "White Plains" were of the reserve force not called into action, though momentarily expecting to be. That term of his service was about three months. Col. Carpenter participated in the battle fought on Rhode Island, Aug. 29, 1778. During the "Shay's Rebellion," 1786, Col. Carpenter remained loyal to the government, although his town, "Dec. 25, 1786, voted that they wished to have an alteration in the present system of government in the commonwealth of Massachusetts by a majority of 110, of what then voted," and "January 22, 1787, Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to remove the powder and other town stock that is now at Col. Thomas Carpenter's." He was a member of the General Court in 1775, and also a delegate to the Massachusetts Congress.

Peleg Slade, of Swansey, Lieut.-Colonel, Feb. 8, 1779.
Nathaniel Carpenter, of Rehoboth, Major, " " "
Peleg Sherman, of Swansey, second Major,
Frederick Browne, of Rehoboth, Adjutant, Feb. —, 1776.

Second Regiment.

John Hathaway, of Berkley, Colonel, June 9, 1778.
Sylvester Richmond, of Dighton, Lt.-Col., " " "
Manasseh Kempton, of Dartmouth, Major, " " "
Joseph Durfee, of Freetown, second Major, " " "

Third Regiment.

Abiel Mitchell, of Easton, Colonel, June 17, 1779.
James Williams, Jr., of Taunton, Lieut.-Colonel, "
Robert Crossman, of Taunton, Major, Sept. 24, "
Jonathan Shaw, of Raynham, second Major.

Fourth Regiment.

Isaac Dean, of Mansfield, Colonel, June 10, 1779.
Isaac Hodges, of Norton, Lieut.-Colonel, " " "
Elisha May, of Attleboro', Major, " " "
Stephen Richardson, Attleboro', 2d Major, " " "

Brigade Train of Artillery.

Seth Smith, of Norton, Captain.
Ephraim Lane, Jr., Lieutenant.

Col. John Hathaway (then a Lieut.-Colonel of the second regiment of local militia of Bristol county) commanded a regiment stationed in Rhode Island in 1777. In Sullivan's expedition on Rhode Island, August, 1778, one hundred and fifty men, including company officers, were drafted from the second regiment, and served in that campaign. Sylvester Richmond, of Dighton, as a Lieut.-Colonel, was detailed to serve. Col. John Hathaway died in Berkley, and was there buried. A slate-stone, bearing inscription, marks his grave. The religious services of his funeral were held in a barn on his homestead farm. From 3d Regiment, in August, 1778, one hundred and fifty men, including company officers, were drafted for service on Rhode Island. From 4th Regiment, August, 1778, were drafted one hundred and fifty men, including company officers and its colonel, detailed for service in Rhode Island, and these officers and men from 2d, 3d and 4th regiments of local militia were probably embodied as a regiment, under John Daggett, of Attleboro', as Colonel, and Sylvester Richmond, of Dighton, as Lieut.-Colonel.

At the reorganization in 1781, Lieut.-Col. James Williams, Jr., of Taunton, was made the successor of George Godfrey as Brigadier General; Shubael Peck, of Rehoboth, made Colonel of 1st Regiment, Major Manasseh Kempton Colonel of 2d, Major Robert Crossman Colonel of 3d, and Major Elisha May, of Attleboro', Colonel of the 4th.

The reorganization of 1781 was the result of the adoption of a State Constitution that somewhat changed the rank of militia officers. All officers were obliged to be appointed or chosen anew, and hence all commissions in Massachusetts were renewed at that time.

In closing this imperfect sketch of Brig. Gen. George Godfrey, of Taunton (to the consideration of whose personal history we have devoted more space than we felt able to spare), we are brought to a conclusion that will probably be arrived at by the reader, viz.: that our account is only a beginning or commencement of what ought to be collected, written and put in print concerning him and his participation in the trying scenes that characterized the war for independence, as also his connection with the business interests of his town, now city of Taunton, and the affairs of the county of which he was the treasurer for several years, and ever proving himself alike qualified to hold the purse, use the pen, or wield a sword, and from youth to old age ever being among the first in war, in peace, and in the hearts of his countrymen. Should this provoke some one to the good work of presenting a history as full as the papers he left and the traditions of his former neighborhood would furnish the materials for doing, the writer of this imperfect sketch will feel that his feeble labors have not been in vain.

THE HARLOW FAMILY.

Sergeant William Harlow settled in Lynn, and then in Sandwich, and last in Plymouth. Was a Selectman of Plymouth for the years 1668, '69, '70, '71, '72, '73, '74, '77, '83, '84, '85, '86, '89, '90, and '91; Representative to the General Court in 1673 and 1675, and for several years was a Grand-Juryman. Married three times: first, Dec. 20, 1649, Rebecca Bartlett, of Plymouth, a daughter of Robert Bartlett and wife Mary Warren; m. second, July 15, 1658, Mary Faunce, of Plymouth. She died Oct. 4, 1664, and he married for his third wife, Jan. 25, 1665, Mary Shelly, of Plymouth, who was born Nov. 3, 1639, and was a daughter of Robert Shelly, of Scituate, and afterwards of Barnstable.

Sergeant William Harlow and wife Rebecca Bartlett had:

(2) William, b. Oct. 5, 1650; d. Oct. 26, 1650.

(3) Samuel, b. Jan. 27, 1652; m. twice: first, Priscilla ——; second, Hannah ——.

(4) Rebecca, b. June 12, 1655.

(5) William, b. June 2, 1657; m. Lydia Cushman.

By second wife Mary Faunce:

(6) Mary, b. May 19, 1659; m. Samuel Dunham, of Plymouth.

(7) Repentance, b. Nov. 22, 1660.

(8) John, b. Oct. 19, 1662.

(9) Nathaniel, b. Sept. 30, 1664; m. Abigail Buck, of Plymouth. She died May 13, 1727.

By third wife MARY SHELLY:

(10) Hannah, b. Oct. 28, 1666.

(11) Bathsheba, b. April 21, 1667; m. Oct. 21, 1696, Richard Sears, of Yarmouth. He was a son of Silas Sears, and grandson of Richard Sears.

(12) Joanna, b. March 24, 1669; m. James Barnaby, of Plymouth. He died in Freetown, July 5, 1726. She died in Freetown, Sept. 4, 1725, aged 56 years, 5 months and 9 days. The will of James Barnaby was dated June 22, 1726. Both have gravestones bearing inscriptions. They were buried in the old town burial-ground just within the present limits of Fall River.

(13) Mehitabel, b. Oct. 4, 1672.

(14) Judith, b. Aug. 2, 1676; m. Joseph Church, of Plymouth. He died in 1707, and in 1710 she m. Stephen Barnaby, a brother of the husband of her sister Joanna (No. 12).

SAMUEL HARLOW (No. 3) and wife PRISCILLA had:

(15) Rebecca, b. Jan. 27, 1678; m. July 4, 1700, Thomas Tabor.

By second wife HANNAH ——— :

(16) John, b. Dec. 19, 1685.

(17) Hannah, b. Nov. 15, 1689.

(18) Samuel, b. Aug. 14, 1690; m. Mary Barstow.

(19) William, b. July 26, 1692.

(20) Eleazer, b. April 18, 1694; m. twice: first, Hannah Delano, of Duxbury; m. second, Hannah Pratt, of Plympton.

(21) Priscilla, b. Oct. 3, 1695.

WILLIAM HARLOW (No. 5) and wife LYDIA CUSHMAN had:

(22) Elizabeth, b. Feb. 3, 1683; m. Thomas Doten.

(23) Thomas, b. March 17, 1686; m. Jedidah Churchill.

(24) A daughter, b. Feb. 5, 1687; died March 5, 1687.

(25) Lydia, b. ——; m. Barnabas Churchill, Feb. 4, 1711.

(26) William, b. ——; m. Joanna Jackson.

(27) Robert, b. ——; m. twice: first, Susannah Cole; m. second, Remember Witherhead.

(28) Mary, b. ——; never married; d. Jan. 3, 1715.

(29) Isaac.

(30) Rebecca, b.——; m. Jabez Holmes, of Plymouth.

Nathaniel Harlow (No. 9) and wife Abigail Buck had:

(31) Abigail, b. Jan. 27, 1693; m. Robert Cook.

(32) Nathaniel, b. Feb. 27, 1696; m. Patience Lucas.

(33) James, b. Aug. 1, 1698; m. twice: first, Hannah Shaw; second, Mrs. Mehitable Finney.

James Barnaby and wife Joanna Harlow* (No. 12) had:

(34) James, b. 1698; died before 1726.

(35) Ambrose, b. 1706; m. July 4, 1728, Elizabeth Gardiner, of Swansey. He died April 18, 1775. She died Jan. 28, 1788. Both have suitable gravestones bearing inscriptions.

(36) Lydia, b. ——; m. —— Perry, and more we have not been able to learn concerning her. She was alive in 1726 and married.

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* The christian name of the mother, Ambrose (No. 35) gave to his second daughter and third child, the wife of Capt. Benjamin Weaver, and also of Col. Sylvester Childs. That daughter was the mother of Col. Benjamin Weaver, who gave her name to his eldest daughter, the wife of Ebenezer Peirce, Esq., and mother of the writer of this genealogy. Tradition says that Joanna, the wife of James Barnaby, died of "home sickness." That she died soon after leaving Plymouth and going to reside in Freetown is true, but the writer of this genealogy thinks that she was probably insane, as have been some of her descendants in several successive generations. The Barnabys have been accustomed to say that the insane blood came into their family from the Gardiners, but I think there is good reason furnished by the traditional cause of Joanna's death to suspect that not all, if, indeed, a part, was thus introduced. Some there was, perhaps, before mixing with the Gardiners. It used to be said that fools never became insane; and if so she was probably not lacking in wit, if she did die of no other apparent cause save home sickness.

Stephen Barnaby and wife Judith Harlow Church (No. 14) had:

(37) Joseph, b. ——; m. Lydia ———.

Eleazer Harlow (No. 20) and first wife Hannah Delano had:

(38) Eliphaz, b. March 5, 1716.

(39) Lemuel, b. Nov. 29, 1717; m. Joanna Paddock.

(40) Eleazer, b. Oct. 17, 1719; m. three times: first, Abigail Thomas, of Marshfield. She died Nov. 24, 1743, and he m. second, Abigail Clark, of Plympton; m. third, a Mrs. Dobney, of Boston. He was a physician.

By second wife Hannah Pratt:

(41) Elizabeth, b. April 21, 1721.

(42) Patience, b. Oct. 1, 1722; m. Josiah Churchill, of Plymouth.

Dea. Thomas Harlow (No. 23) and wife Jedidah Churchill had:

(43) Thomas, b. July 26, 1712; m. Patience Tillson, of Plympton.

(44) Elizabeth, b. March 14, 1715; d. April 21, 1718.

(45) Jonathan, b. March 22, 1718; m. Sarah Holmes.

(46) Lydia, b. June 4, 1721.

(47) Eleazer, b. Dec. 13, 1723. Lost at sea.

(48) Jedidah, b. Oct. 3, 1726; m. Abner Sylvester.

(49) Nathaniel, b. July 22, 1729.

William Harlow (No. 26) and wife Joanna Jackson had:

(50) Joanna, b. Feb. 21, 1714; m. Dr. Daniel Snell. She died 1795. He died in 1776, aged 65.

(51) William, b. Sept. 27, 1715; m. Hannah Bartlett.

(52) Mary, b. Sept. 22, 1717.

(53) Hannah, b. Nov. 20, 1721; m. twice: first, Dr.

Stoughton Willis; m. second, John Snow. Both were of Bridgewater.

(54) Lydia, b. Feb. 25, 1724.

(55) Isaac, b. April 21, 1726.

(56) Sarah, b. July 28, 1728.

Dea. Robert Harlow (No. 27) and wife Susanna Cole had:

(57) Ebenezer, b. April 16, 1719; m. Maria Morey, of Plymouth. He died Oct. 5, 1777.

(58) Benjamin, b. Sept. 12, 1723.

(59) Isaac, b. Aug. 3, 1725; m. Jerusha Finney, a dau. of Robert.

(60) Robert, b. January 30, 1728; m. Jean West, a daughter of Silas West.

(61) Reuben, b. April 5, 1730.

(62) James, b. Dec. 7, 1732; m. Jerusha Holmes, of Plymouth.

(63) Mary, b. May 5, 1739.

(64) Elizabeth, b. April 1, 1743.

(65) Submit, b. June 7, 1745.

By second wife Remember Witherhead:

(66) Susanna, b. Nov. 10, 1750; m. William King.

(67) Lydia, b. July 10, 1752.

Nathaniel Harlow (No. 32) and wife Patience Lucas had:

(68) Nathaniel, b. March 15, 1726; m. Sarah Bonney.

(69) Ephraim, b. 17—; m. no one; d. young.

(70) Susanna, b. 17—; m. Noah Sturtevant.

James Harlow (No. 33) and wife Hannah Shaw had:

(71) Mary, b. Aug. 4, 1720; m. twice: first, Lemuel Vaughan; m. second, Jacob Staples.

(72) Abigail, b. Aug. 9, 1722; m. Amos Fuller. She died April 15, 1755.

(73) Hannah, b. Jan. 27, 1723; m. Theophilus Rickard.

(74) James, b. June 2, 1725; m. no one; d. young.

(75) Jonathan, b. Sept. 2, 1726; m. no one; d. young.

(76) Persis, b. Feb. 8, 1728; m. three times: first, Isaac Shaw; m. second, Lemuel Rickard; m. third, Perez Churchill.

(77) James, b. April 12, 1730; m. twice: first, Mercy Cushman; m. second, Mrs. Sarah Bryant. He died Sept. 23, 1802.

(78) Abner, b. June 10, 1733; m. Rachel Rickard.

(79) William, b. Jan. 11, 1734.

(80) Sarah, b. Jan. 5, 1736; m. Dea. Benjamin Bryant.

By second wife MEHITABLE:

(81) Barnabas, b. Nov. 5, 1750; m. Mary West, of Kingston.

For what is here presented concerning the Harlow Family, the writer acknowledges himself very largely indebted to what not long since appeared in the New-England Historical and Genealogical Register, concerning the family, from the pen of Mr. T. P. Adams, and in which their genealogy is treated upon more fully. Of the seven families whose history and genealogy precede this, that of only one to my knowledge has ever previously appeared in print, viz., the *Barnaby*, a very short sketch of which I furnished for, and it appeared in, the periodical mentioned above. Those who pay me the compliment to examine this book, I beg to assure of the fact that nearly all is matter never before in type, and save what pertains to the Harlow family, is the result of my own gleanings.

THE HOWLAND FAMILY.

HENRY HOWLAND, the emigrant ancestor of the family herein noticed, was at Duxbury as early as 1633, where he is said to have lived by the bay side near Love Brewster, and called "one of the substantial landholders and freemen."

He was one of the original purchasers of Bridgewater in 1645, and one of the twenty-six freemen that bought Freetown of the Indians in 1659. The name of his wife was Mary, and we fail to learn more save that she died June 16, 1674. Henry Howland was a surveyor of highways at Duxbury in 1656 and 1668.

Mr. Winsor, in his History of Duxbury, says that in 1657 Henry Howland was brought before the Colony Court for entertaining Quakers at his house; and two years after was disfranchised on account of his repeated acts in their favor, and in 1660 fined four pounds for having two meetings of foreign Quakers at his house.

Zoeth Howland, son of Henry, was, in 1657, sentenced to sit in the stocks for saying "hee would not goe to meeting to hear lyes, and that the Divil could preach as good a sermon as the ministers." And the next year Zoeth Howland and his wife were fined for attending a Quaker meeting.

Samuel, a son of Henry Howland, was in 1662 at Duxbury fined ten shillings for carrying, on the Lord's day, a grist from mill, and if the fine be not paid then to be whipped.

The same year Samuel Howland was accused with "discharging of a fowling peece on the body of William Howse,"

of Sandwich, while gunning at the "high pyne on Salt house beach." A verdict was rendered, "not guilty of willfull murder, yett we find that the said House received his deadly wound by Samuel Howland's gun goeing off as it lay on his shoulder."

Henry Howland, at the division of "ye ffreemen's lands att Taunton River," in 1660, received for his share the Sixth lot. He died in 1670.

1687, Feb. 13. Samuel and Nathaniel Howland divided the sixth lot equally between them, Samuel to have the part whereon the house stands and the meadows, whatsoever and wheresoever to be equally divided; Samuel to have also 32 acres on the Swansey side of the river.

1687, Aug. 8. Samuel Howland appointed administrator upon the estate of his brother John Howland, of Freetown, deceased.

1690, May 12. Samuel Howland chosen a Selectman of Freetown, and Nov. 24, 1697, chosen one of the Assessors.

1691, Dec. 8. Nathaniel Howland, of Dartmouth (son of Zoeth and grandson of Henry), sold the southerly half of the sixth lot in Freetewn to Henry Brightman, of Portsmouth, R. I., and also half a freeman's share in the meadows at Sippecan.

1711, April 13. Samuel Howland, of Freetown, conveyed to his son Joshua, of Taunton, one quarter of the sixth lot.

1712, Dec. 16. Samuel conveyed to son Joshua, then of Freetown, one quarter of sixth lot from Taunton River to the great fresh pond; and at same date, to sons Samuel and Gershom of Freetown, part of sixth lot.

1715, Feb. 5. Samuel Howland, Senr., of Freetown, made a will, in which he mentions sons Samuel, John, Abraham, Joshua and Gershom, and daughters Mary Rounsevill and Content Sandford, grand-daughter Mary Morton and son Isaac's children. That will was proved in the Court of Pro-

bate, May 7, 1716, and the death of Samuel Howland must have occurred between Feb. 5, 1715, and May 7, 1716.

The Howlands of those towns once constituting old Dartmouth, are probably all the lineal descendants of Henry Howland through his son Zoeth, and those at Frectown through his son Samuel. The Dartmouth Howlands have been distinguished as accumulators of great wealth. Col. Henry H. Crapo, late Governor of Michigan, was from this stock.

Four Calvinistic Baptist ministers were the lineal descendants of Samuel Howland through his son Joshua and wife Elizabeth Holloway, and granddaughter Elizabeth and her husband William Nelson, viz.: Rev. William Nelson, born July 8, 1741; Rev. Samuel Nelson, born April 6, 1748; and Rev. Ebenezer Nelson, born Oct. 26, 1753, and his son Ebenezer Nelson, Jr. Another and still more distinguished clergyman, the scholar, writer and orator, Rev. William R. Alger, of Boston, is a lineal descendant of Samuel Howland through his son Joshua, and also through his daughter Mary.

The writer and compiler of this family history and genealogy is a lineal descendant of Samuel Howland through his daughter Mary and husband Philip Rounsevill, grandson William Rounsevill and wife Elizabeth Macomber, and great-granddaughter Elizabeth Rounsevill and husband Capt. Job Peirce.

Henry Howland and wife Mary —— had:

(2) Zoeth, b. 16—.

(3) Samuel, b. 16—; m. Mary ——. He died in or about 1716.

(4) John, b. 16—. He was dead before Aug. 8, 1687, as at that time an administrator was appointed for his estate.

Zoeth Howland (No. 2) and wife had:

(5) Nathaniel, and probably other children, who were

the ancestors of the Howland family in New Bedford. Mr. Daniel Ricketson, in his published history of that city, informs that Nathaniel Howland had lands surveyed "for him on Nomquid Neck, May 8, 1712, and Benjamin Howland May 12, 1712," and that both were among the first white settlers of that place. Benjamin Howland's farm contained 146 acres.

Samuel Howland (No. 3) and wife Mary —— had:

(6) Samuel, b. 16—.

(7) John, b. 16—; m. Rebecca ——.

(8) Abraham, b. 16—.

(9) Joshua, b. 16—; m. twice: first, May 12, 1709, Elizabeth Holloway, of Taunton; second, 1725, Dorothy Lee.

(10) Gershom, b. 16—.

(11) Mary, b. 1673; m. Philip Rounsevill, of Middleboro' and Freetown. She died May 8, 1744. He died Nov. 6, 1763. [See grave-stones in East Freetown.]

(12) Content, b. 16—; m. —— Sanford.

(13) Isaac, b. 16—. Married, but we have not learned to whom. Had children, but their names have not been learned by the writer of this family history.

John Howland (No. 7) and wife Rebecca —— had:

(14) A son, b. Feb. 20, 1717.

(15) Rebecca, b. Sept. 13, 1718.

(16) Sarah, b. March 20, 1720.

(17) Penelope, b. May 22, 1722.

(18) Susannah, b. Nov. 17, 1723.

Of this family I have been able to learn nothing beyond the names of children and the dates of their several births. A mutilation of the record prevented learning the christian name of the oldest son.

Joshua Howland (No. 9) and wife Elizabeth Holloway had:

(19) John, b. June 26, 1710; m. Oct. 28, 1736, Abigail Peirce, of Middleboro'. He died July 11, 1790. She died March 25, 1786. She was a daughter of Isaac Peirce, Jr., of Middleboro'.

(20) Malachi, b. 171–; m. Feb. 16, 1744, Hopestill Dwelley.

(21) Job, b. 171–; m. Oct. 25, 1750, Jemima Booth, of Middleboro'.

(22) Gershom, b. 17—.

(23) Joshua, b. 17—; m. Mary Allen, of Middleboro'. [Tradition.]

(24) Elizabeth, b. 17—; m. Oct. 2, 1740, William Nelson, of Middleboro'. He was a son of Thomas Nelson and wife Hope Higgins, and born May 30, 1714. It was from William Nelson and this wife Elizabeth that so many Calvinistic Baptist ministers descended.

By second wife Dorothy Lee:

(25) Samuel, b. Feb. 6, 1726.

(26) Isaac, b. March 4, 1727; m. twice: first, in 1749, Catharine Howard, of Freetown. She died Dec. 6, 1789, in her 57th year, and he m. second, Ruth Mitchell. Her maiden name was Winslow.

(27) Philip, b. Nov. 15, 1730.

(28) George, b. June 18, 1733.

(29) Phebe, b. Oct. 18, 1736.

(30) Lydia, b. March 18, 1739.

(31) Betsey, b. Sept. 3, 1741; m. April 28, 1760, Capt. Levi Rounsevill, of Freetown. He died Jan. 3, 1815. He was Captain of the "Minute Men" of Freetown, at the Lexington Alarm, April 19, 1775, and afterwards a Captain in the Continental Army. He was a son of William Rounsevill and wife Elizabeth Macomber, grandson of Philip Rounsevill and wife Mary Howland.

Gershom Howland (No. 10) and wife had:

(32) Joseph, b. ——. [Tradition.]

Philip Rounsevill and wife Mary Howland (No. 11) had:

(33) William, b. Oct. 10, 1705, at 27 minutes past 6 of the o'clock in the afternoon; m. Elizabeth Macomber, of East Taunton. He died Jan. 31, 1744. She died 18—.

(34) John, b. 1706; m. twice: first, Sarah Holloway, of Middleboro'; second, Sarah Spooner, of Dartmouth. He died Nov. 14, 1783. Second wife died April 28, 1793.

(35) Philip, b. 17—; m. Sept. 12, 17—, Hannah Jenney, of Freetown.

(36) Mary, b. March 3, 1711; m. Jan. 8, 1746, Henry Hoskins, Jr., of Taunton. She died Aug. 17, 1792. He died June 3, 1796. [See Hoskins Genealogy.]

Philip Rounsevill, the parent, was born in Honetun, Devonshire, Eng., May 1, 1677; came to America in 1700; died a little before sunrise, Sunday morning, Nov. 6, 1763.

Isaac Howland (No. 13) and wife had children, but their names are all unknown to us.

John Howland (No. 19) and wife Abigail Peirce had:

(37) Judith, b. May 10, 1738; died young.

(38) Elizabeth, b. 17—; m Job Simmons, of Freetown.

(39) John, b. 17—; m. three times: first, Jan. 27, 1763, Lydia Peirce, of Middleboro', a daughter of Shadrach Peirce. Lydia was b. Sept. 30, 1745. She died, and John Howland m. Beulah Bemus. She died, and he m. Feb. 25, 1790, the widow Rachel Perkins. She was a daughter of Hilkiah Peirce,* and born March 29, 1749, and on the 25th

* A slight indentation in the ground marks the spot where once stood the house occupied by Hilkiah Peirce and his family. It is in a meadow, nearly opposite the residence of Mr. Seckell, not far from McPhall Hill, and on the road leading to Myrickville in East Taunton. Hilkiah is represented by his lineal descendants, and also by others, as having had a very bad disposition, and a furious temper that he signally failed to control until he became insane with rage at very slight provocations. His daughter Rachel, after the death of her second husband (John

of September, 1769, had been married to John Perkins. John Howland was commissioned May 19, 1775, an Ensign in the patriot army. He died Jan. 13, 1810. His last wife spent the evening of her days with his children by a former wife, and died with them in preference to being with her own children, born while she was the wife of John Perkins.

(40) Abigail, b. 17—; m. May 10, 1790, Lot Hathaway, of New Bedford. [Freetown Records.]

(41) Mercy, b. 17—; m. March 17, 1768, John Edminster, of Freetown.

(42) Rufus, b. 17—; m. Bathsheba Canedy. He was a "Minute Man," and responded at the Lexington Alarm, April 19, 1775, under Capt. Abiel Peirce of Middleboro'. She died April, 1810.

(43) Lavinia, b. 17—; m. Noah Ashley, of Freetown. No children born of this marriage.

Howland), attempted to live in Freetown with her sister and a daughter by her first marriage with Perkins, but disagreed to such an extent that a son of John Howland by a former wife was sent for by the widow to come and take her away, which he did, and carried her to East Brookfield, where, with those none akin to her whatever by blood, she lived and died. The statements she made to Mr. Howland concerning the conduct of her sister and daughter were, if true, very damaging to their character, if, indeed, either ever possessed any, or laid claim to common decency. That sister in old age was by her children allowed to become a "town's charge," and, supported as a pauper by the town of Freetown, died in May, 1841, and had a "pauper burial." That daughter had three sons, one of whom was arraigned as a criminal for his participation in the riotous acts of a mob in Freetown, another deserted his wife and children and the latter were thereby made paupers, and the third, to get clear of punishment for assaulting a man with an axe, enlisted in the army in the late war of the rebellion, and on the rolls of which his name still stands as a "deserter." After the war, being confined in Taunton jail, he burned the furniture of his cell and nearly smothered himself to death in the attempt to burn the building, and being transferred to the lunatic asylum, knocked down the keeper and destroyed about sixty dollars worth of furniture in an incendiary attempt on that edifice. He was found dead in the hold of a vessel lying at a wharf in Fall River. The corpse showed that his skull was smashed in, neck broke, as also the bones of one hand. A sister of these (and daughter of that daughter whose mother could not live with her) was in the County Court, a few years since, charging a man old enough to be her father with begetting for her a bastard child. Coming down to the next generation, we find of eight granddaughters married, six in court as parties asking for divorces. "Blood will tell," and iniquities of fathers are "visited upon children" and children's children even to the third and fourth generations.

(44) Judith, b. Feb. 25, 1755; m. April 27, 1793, Earl Sears, of Middleboro'. She died July 20, 1846. He died Jan. 10, 1842. He was b. Dec. 29, 1761.

(45) Esreck, b. 17—; m. Phebe Sears, of Middleboro'. She was a daughter of Zebedee Sears.

Malachi Howland (No. 20) and wife Hopestill Dwelley had:

(46) Consider, m. May 17, 1786, Betsey Hall.

(47) Mary, b. June 17, 1744; m. May 3, 1770, Capt. Peregrine White.

(48) Samuel, b. May 5, 1746; m. twice: first, Hope Clark, of Middleboro'. She died Sept. 11, 1808. He m. second, Mrs. Lucy Babcock, whose maiden name was Pearce.

(49) Ebenezer, m. Hope Allen, a daughter of John Allen, of Middleboro'. She was born July 11, 1763.

(50) Abraham, b. 17—.

(51) Elizabeth, b. 17—; never married. Went to the State of New York. [Tradition.]

Job Howland (No. 21) and wife Jemima Booth had:

(52) Judith, m. Joseph Richmond.

(53) Job, m. —— Padelford.

Joshua Howland (No. 23) and wife Mary Allen had:

(54) Joshua, b. 17—; m. twice: first, Phebe Chase; second, March 3, 1789, the widow Abigail Peirce. She was a daughter of Silas Hathaway, of Freetown. Joshua died April 11, 1821. Wife Phebe died April 11, 1787.

(55) Seth, b. 17—; m. Mary Russell, of Nantucket. Removed to Chenango Co., New York.

(56) Katurah, b. 17—; never married; died young, of consumption.

(57) Wealtha, b. 17—; m. Jan. 13, 1771, Seth Hatha-

way, a son of Meletiah Hathaway and wife Anna Hoskins, grandson of Ensign Jacob Hathaway.

William Nelson and wife Elizabeth Howland (No. 24) had:

(58) William, b. July 18, 1741; m. twice: first, —— Reed, of Middleboro', a daughter of Rev. Solomon Reed; second, Hannah Backus, a daughter of Rev. Isaac Backus, of Middleboro'. William was a Calvinistic Baptist minister.

(59) Amos, b. 1743; m. May 25, 1769, Eunice Peirce, of Middleboro'. She was born Oct. 25, 1743, and died May 27, 1783. He died Nov. 11, 1795. He was a deacon of the Baptist church. [Middleboro' Records.]

(60) Samuel, b. April 6, 1748; married twice: first, Charity— Haskell, of Rochester; second, ANNA Pickens, of Middleboro'. He died Sept. 9, 1822. He was a clergyman of the Calvinistic Baptist church.

(61) Elizabeth, b. 1750; m. 17—, Lieut. Robert Strobridge, of Middleboro'. He died Aug. 14, 1790, and she married, Oct. —, 1799, Capt. Job Peirce, of Middleboro'. He died July 22, 1819. She died March 12, 1846.

(62) Eunice, b. 17—; never married.

(63) Ebenezer, b. Oct. 26, 1753; m. twice: first, in 1777, Chloe Sampson, of Middleboro'; second, in 1797, Betsey Benson, of Middleboro'. He was a Calvinistic Baptist clergyman.

(64) Abner, b. 17—; m. May 24, 1770, Joanna Holmes, of Middleboro'. He was Lieutenant in the second company of local militia in Middleboro'. His commission bore date of July 1, 1781. Ezra Harlow was his Captain; and Gershom Foster, Ensign. The company belonged to a regiment of which John Nelson, Esq., of Middleboro', was Colonel.

Isaac Howland (No. 26) and wife Catharine Howard had:

(65) George, b. July 9, 1752; m. twice: first, Deborah

Shaw, of Middleboro'. She d. Oct. 27, 1820. He m. second, 18—, Mrs. Betsey Chase,* of Freetown. He d. Oct. 6, 1841. His second wife was the widow of Otis Chase, of Middleboro'. Her maiden name was Barden. She was married to Otis Chase, July 7, 1793.

(66) Samuel, b. 17—; m. Ruth Thomas, of Middleboro'. They removed to the State of New York many years ago. He was too much of a poet to be very practical.

(67) William, b. 17—; m. 1790, Elizabeth Bryant, of Freetown. Removed to Chenango County, New York.

(68) Rachel, b. 17—; m. —— Russell.

(69) Roba, b. 17—; m. Henry Edminster, of Middleboro'.

(70) Hannah, b. 17—; m. June 1, 1794, Benjamin Crapo, of Freetown. She died May —, 1838.

Capt. Levi Rounsevill and wife Betsey Howland (No. 31) had:

(71) Abner, b. 17—; m. April 2, 1789, Hannah Oliver, of Freetown.

(72) William, b. 1769; m. Rhoda Durfee, of Freetown. He was an ordained minister and a very eloquent man. Was a Justice of the Peace and represented the town of Freetown in the General Court for ten consecutive years. He was grandfather to Rev. William R. Alger, of Boston. He died Nov. 13, 1816.

(73) Betsey, b. 17—; m. Aug. 14, 1791, Capt. Abraham

* The writer of this genealogy, when a small boy, was made happy as the recipient of a present from his father; that acceptable gift being a cosset sheep, that like "Mary's lamb" followed, if allowed, wherever I went, in doors and out, and even up and down stairs. That sheep I loved almost as I loved my own life, and was made to feel exceedingly wretched by an injury that it received, being hooked by an ox so as to tear the skin in a manner shocking to behold. Mrs. Howland happened to call at my father's, and witnessing my grief and sorrow desired to see the sheep; and on examining the injuries, pronounced them curable, and then sewed up the wound and dressed it so nicely that it healed ere long. I never thought of that woman afterwards but with feelings of gratitude for the wound she also healed in my lacerated young heart.

Morton. He was a son of Nathaniel Morton, second, and wife Rebecca Morton, and born Aug. 12, 1769; commissioned Captain of the third company in the local militia of Freetown, May 21, 1798; cashiered by a court martial, Aug. 14, 1805; removed with his family to Ohio in or about 1812. [Freetown Records, State Records and Tradition.]

Levi, the parent, was Captain of the company of "Minute Men," from Freetown, that responded to the call of the country, known as "Lexington Alarm," April 19, 1775, and he was Captain in the Revolutionary Army. [For further particulars, see Rounsevill Genealogy.]

Lieut. John Howland (No. 39) was a son of John Howland and wife Abigail Peirce. John, the son, was commissioned May 19, 1775, an Ensign in the Massachusetts Army. His commission is still preserved. It was signed by Gen. Joseph Warren as President pro tem. of the Massachusetts Congress. John Howland was subsequently promoted to Lieutenant.

Lieut. John Howland (No. 39) and wife Lydia Peirce had:

(74) Eber, b. Oct. 31, 1763; m. Lucretia Lamb.
(75) Abiah, b. March 11, 1765; never married.
(76) Abner, b. April 13, 1767; d. young.
(77) Abner, b. March 15, 1769; m. Ruth Gould, of Sutton. He died July 8, 1859. She died May 15, 1860.
(78) Lydia, b. 177–; m. Welcome Jenks, of Brookfield.
(79) Judith, b. 177–; m. Leonard Watson, of Spencer.

By second wife Beulah Bemis had:

(80) James, m. Catharine Bemis.
(81) Polly, m. Richard Beers.
(82) Abigail, m. William Knight.
(83) William.

For much that here appears concerning Lieut. John Howland and family, the writer acknowledges his obliga-

tions and tenders his sincere and heartfelt thanks to Mr. Otis Howland, of Spencer, Mass.

Mercy Howland (No. 41) married, March 17, 1768, John Edminster, who we suppose to have been identical with John, the son of James Edminster, Jr., and wife Mary ——. That John was born Dec. 18, 1746. James was a son of James Edminster and wife Ann Makepeace. They were married April 19, 1689. Ann was a daughter of William Makepeace and wife Ann Johnson. William and Ann were joined in wedlock in 1661.

John Edminster and wife Mercy Howland (No. 41) had:

(84) John, m. twice: first, —— Crapo; second, Elizabeth Ashley. He resided in Lakeville, Mass.

Rufus Howland (No. 42) owned and occupied a farm in Middleboro', now Lakeville. This he sold to Earl Sears, who gave it to Earl Sears, Jr., and from him, at his death, it went to his sons, John and Abner J. Sears, who sold it to Earl P. Douglass.

Rufus Howland (No. 42) and wife Bathsheba Canedy had:

(85) Betsey, b. 17—; m. Capt. Elkanah Peirce, of Middleboro', now Lakeville. Of the 7th company of militia in that town he was commissioned Lieutenant, May 20, 1799; promoted to Captain, May 4, 1802. He was born Oct. 23, 1774; son of Capt. James Peirce, grandson of Elkanah.

(86) Mercy, b. 17—; m. twice: first, in 1798, Benjamin Read, of Freetown; second, James Peirce, of Middleboro', son of Capt. James Peirce, grandson of Elkanah Peirce.

(87) Noble, b. 17—; m. Betsey Peirce, of Middleboro', dau. of Capt. James Peirce.

(88) Bathsheba, b. 1786; d. Sept. 24, 1791. [Gravestone.]

(89) Bathsheba, m. Martin Peirce, of Middleboro', son of Capt. James Peirce.

(90) Pardon, b. 1793; d. Aug. 24, 1796. [Gravestone.]

(91) Lucy, b. 179–; m. 18—, Wm. Howland.

Bathsheba, the mother, died April 29, 1810, aged 56 years. She was a daughter of Capt. William Canedy. [Gravestone.]

Noah Ashley and wife Lavina Howland (No. 43) had no children. He is the same person who is named in the Macomber Genealogy (No. 76), and whose first wife was Abigail, a daughter of William Hoar, and the fruits of which marriage were as follows: Luther, William, Noah, Abigail and Jephtha. Luther married twice: first, Chloe McCully; second, Abigail Peirce. William married Jane Canedy and Polly Canedy. Abigail married Capt. Seth Howland.

Earl Sears and wife Judith Howland (No. 44) had:

(92) Mary, b. Aug. 3, 1794; d. young, Feb. 29, 1796.

(93) Earl, b. Dec. 2, 1796; m. June 1, 1836, Charity L. Winslow, of Freetown. He died Aug. 8, 1862. His remains are in the new cemetery, near Assonet Village, his grave marked with suitable stones, bearing inscriptions.

Earl, the parent, was the son of Zebedee Sears and wife Mary Leonard; born Dec. 29, 1761, and died Jan. 30, 1779. She died Dec. 5, 1771. His age, 44. Her age, 34.

Eseck Howland (No. 45) and wife Phebe Sears had:

(94) John, b.

(95) Eseck, b.

(96) Elkanah L., b. 17—; m. no one; d. ——.

(97) Polly, b.

(98) Lucinda, b.

(99) Abigail, b.

Eseck Howland, the parent, was a soldier in the patriot army in the War of the Revolution, serving in Capt. Henry Peirce's company of Lieut.-Col. Ebenezer White's regiment, on duty in Rhode Island in 1780. He must have resided in Middleboro', in that part now Lakeville, as his name appears on the roll of the local militia of that section, viz., the "Beech Woods Company," so called, at May inspection, 1781.

Capt. Peregrine White and wife Mary Howland (No. 47) had:

(100) Thomas, b. 17—; m.

(101) Malachi, b. 17—; m. ——. He served as a private in the 3d company of the local militia of Freetown, when acting as a part of the coast guard at Fairhaven and New Bedford in June, 1814; promoted to Ensign, Aug. 20, 1824; Captain, Oct. 4, 1830; honorably discharged April 15, 1835. He died in 186–.

(102) Experience, b. 17—; m.

(103) Hope, b. 17—; m. no one.

Capt. Peregrine White, the parent, was a soldier in the patriot army of the Revolution. Of the 3d company in the local militia of Freetown, Peregrine White was commissioned as Ensign, Aug. 10, 1779, Joseph Norton being at the same time made Captain, and Percival Ashley, Lieutenant. Aug. 20, 1824, or about 45 years later, Capt. White's son Malachi attained to the commission of Ensign of the same company, and on the 30th of June, 1835, or about 56 years after, his grandson, Malachi Howland White, was made to succeed his father and grandfather in that office. July 1, 1781, Ensign Peregrine White was promoted to Captain, with Peter Crapo as Lieutenant, and Samuel Borden, Ensign. Lieut. Peter was grandfather of Col. Henry Howland Crapo, late Governor of Michigan. Coeval with Capt. Peregrine White as commissioned officers of the militia of Freetown, all being commissioned at the same

time, were of first company, Benjamin Weaver, Captain; Nathan Dean, Lieutenant; and Samuel Hathaway, Ensign. Second company, Joseph Read, 3d, Captain; Benjamin Durfee, Lieutenant; and William Elsbree, Ensign. Capt. Peregrine White was a Selectman of Freetown in 1806. As a military officer, the old people used to say that Capt. Peregrine White made a very good appearance. [State Records and tradition.]

Samuel Howland (No. 48) and wife Hope Clark had:

(104) Polly, b. 1797; m. no one; d. Dec. 26, 1799. [Gravestone.]

Ebenezer Howland (No. 49) and wife Hope Allen had:

(105) Jedediah, b. Aug. —, 1787; m. 18—, Susan ——. He died May 28, 1847. [Gravestone.]

(106) Elizabeth.

(107) Hope.

(108) Sarah.

(109) Catharine, m. —— Bishop.

Joshua Howland (No. 54) and wife Phebe Chase had:

(110) Mary, b. 1778; m. 1816, William Rounsevill, of Carlisle, N. Y.

(111) Wealtha, b. Aug. 10, 1780; m. Dec. —, 1799, Edmund Peirce, of Freetown. He died Nov. 26, 1823. She died Jan. 14, 1858.

(112) Phebe, b. Sept. 14, 1783; m. Jan. 1, 1809, Joseph Evans, of Freetown. He was killed by the fall of a tree, Jan. 15, 1823. She died March 22, 1843. He was a Sergeant in the coast guard at New Bedford in June, 1814. He was born March 1, 1786.

(113) Katurah, b. April 16, 1785; m. Jan. 12, 1809, Capt. Malachi Howland, of Freetown. She died March 20, 1835. He died Jan. 2, 1868.

By second wife, Mrs. Abigail Hathaway Peirce, he had:

(114) Seth, b. July 24, 1789; m. twice: first, 1808, Abigail Ashley, of Middleboro'. She died July 24, 1824, and he married second, Dec. 28, 1824, Phylena Hoskins, of Freetown. He was commissioned Ensign, April 13, 1822; Lieutenant, April 23, 1827; Captain, May 16, 1828. He died Dec. 28, 1872.

When Seth Howland was Ensign of 1st company of the local militia of Freetown, Malachi Howland was Captain, and Ephraim Winslow, Jr., Lieutenant. When Lieut. Winslow was Captain, and John T. Lawton, Ensign, and when Capt. Noah Hathaway Evans was his Lieutenant, and Rudolphus W. Sisson, Ensign, Capt. Seth, as a private soldier in the same company, had served in the coast guard at New Bedford in June, 1814. Abigail, the mother of Capt. Seth Howland, was a daughter of Ensign Silas Hathaway and wife Deborah Carlisle, and Abigail had been the wife of Ensign David Peirce. These commissions of Ensign were all held in the same company; that of Hathaway dated June 4, 1762, and that of Peirce, 1776. David Peirce, as Ensign, served 14 days at Rhode Island, in December, 1776. He was killed by the fall of a tree in the forest, while felling timber, March 9, 1779. Joshua Howland became insane, and refused to eat or speak, and died from starvation. He lived about three weeks after refusing food.

George Howland (No. 65) and wife Deborah Shaw had:

(115) Elizabeth, b. July 11, 1776; m. Sergeant Guilford Evans, of Freetown. She died June 28, 1858.

(116) Jacob, b. 17—. Went to sea; never returned.

(117) Deborah, b. Sept. 27, 1782; m. Aug. 8, 1805, Elijah Dean, of Freetown. She died May 15, 1850. [Gravestone.]

(118) Ruth, b. 1783; d. Nov. 30, 1806. [Gravestone.]

(119) Malachi, b. Jan. 28, 1787; m. twice: first, Jan. 12, 1809, Katurah Howland (No. 113). She died March 20, 1835, and he married, second, Mrs. Melinda Roberts, of Boston. He was commissioned Ensign in the local militia* of Freetown (1st Co.), Sept. 28, 1816; Lieutenant, Sept. 4, 1818; Captain, April 13, 1822. Honorably discharged, March 1, 1827. Was Selectman, thirteen years; Assessor, four years; and Representative to General Court, two years. Died Jan. 2, 1868. Resided for a time in Boston.

(120) Catharine, b. Oct. —, 1790; m. Cyrus Haskins.

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* The *first Company* in the local militia of Freetown was doubtless formed in 1683, soon after the incorporation of the town, that occurred in July of that year. Being less than a captain's command, it for several years remained as a Lieutenant's company, and while thus organized Thomas Terry and Josiah Winslow appear to have been its commanders. As early as 1715, it had increased to the number required to form a captain's company, and from that time its successive commanders were as follows, being commissioned captains at the dates hereafter mentioned.

Josiah Winslow, February 9, 1715, to about 1725.
Ebenezer Hathaway, 17—, promoted Lt. Col. of 2d Regiment about 1745.
Samuel Tisdale, 17— to ——
Abiel Terry, 17—, promoted to Major 2d Regiment about 1755; Lt. Col. 1758.
James Winslow, June 4, 1762, promoted to Lieut. Col. July 23, 1771, 2d Reg't.
George Chase, July, 1771, to September 19, 1775; dismissed by act of Gen. Court.
Benjamin Read, 1776 to 1781, at adoption of State Constitution.
Benjamin Weaver, July 1, 1781, to July 10, 1788, promoted to Lieut. Col. 2d Reg't.
Benjamin Porter, July 18, 1788, to 1792; resigned. Honorably discharged.
Charles Strange, June 28, 1792, to 1799; resigned. " "
John Wilkinson, May 27, 1799, to 1801; resigned. " "
Job Peiree, Jr., Aug. 21, 1801, to Sept. 22, 1805; died in commission.
Joseph E. Read, Aug. 16, 1806, to June 2, 1807; promoted to Major 2d Reg't.
Ambrose Barnaby, Aug. 5, 1807, to March 8, 1811; resigned. Honorably disch'd.
Joseph Weaver, June 24, 1811, to April 14, 1812; promoted to Major 4th Reg't.
Lynde Hathaway, June 29, 1812, to Aug. 10, 1818; promoted to Major 5th Reg't.
Henry Porter, Sept. 4, 1818, to March 1, 1822; resigned. Honorably discharged.
Malachi Howland, April 13, 1822, to March 1, 1827; resigned. " "
Ephraim Winslow, Jr., April 23, 1827, to March 8, 1828; promoted to Lieut. Col.
Seth Howland, May 18, 1828, to 1831; resigned. Honorably discharged.
Noah H. Evans, May 27, 1831, to Sept. 7, 1836; resigned. Honorably discharged.

This company went to Rhode Island twice during the War of the Revolution: first, in December, 1776, with 27 men rank and file; and second, in July, 1780, with 58, including officers. Benjamin Read was Captain in both these expeditions.

In June, 1814, it formed a part of the coast guard at New Bedford, Lynde Hathaway being Captain of the company, and mustered for duty 87 strong.

For an account of the *third Company* in the local militia of Freetown, see a note appended to the Rounsevill Genealogy. The third company embraced the "train

(121) Joanna, b. 1791; d. Dec. 2,.1806. [Gravestone.]

(122) Hannah, b. April 19, 1793; m. 1813, David Babbitt, of Freetown. He died Dec. 1815. She died Sept. 1871.

(123) Permilla, m. Rollin Eaton, of Taunton.

No children born to George Howland by his second wife.

Samuel Howland (No. 66) of this genealogy deserves more than the passing and ordinary notice of giving what I have been enabled to gather concerning the dates of birth, marriage and death, as he is one of the few who after death leave marks and indelible traces of an earthly existence behind them, one whose name is spoken and words are repeated by persons whose births occurred after he was dead. Times are said to make men, and the time has been when those properties, inherent and legitimately possessed by Samuel Howland, would have rendered him famous in his life-time, and perhaps in all coming time.

Tradition says that Samuel Howland was illiterate, that he could neither read nor write, and like the modest shepherd—

"Ne'er the paths of learning tried."

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band" and "alarm list" residing within the limits of that part of Freetown formerly Tiverton. The second company was in that part now Fall River. Besides these the town of Freetown has (at different periods) had three companies of Light Infantry. The first of these was raised in 1818, and performed duty for the last time in the fall of 1828 or spring of 1829. First list of commissioned officers of that Light Infantry company were Hon. Rufus Bacon, Captain; John H. Peirce, Lieutenant; and Thomas Evans, Ensign. Their commissions dated June 13, 1818. Capt. Bacon was a member of the Governor's Council, and also a County Commissioner. The second company of Light Infanty was raised in 1850, and organized June 29, 1850, with Ebenezer W. Peirce as Captain; Augustus C. Barrows, 1st Lieutenant; and Giles L. Leach, Esq., 2d Lieutenant. The second lieutenant and some of the enlisted men belonged in Berkley. The third Light Infantry company was raised in the east part of Freetown, and organized Nov. 22, 1851, with William F. Wood, Captain; Marcus M. Rounsevill, 1st Lieutenant; and Elijah D. Chase, 2d Lieutenant.

The first Light Infantry was a *flank company* to the 5th Regiment in 2d Brigade, 5th Division, Mass. Militia. The 2d and 3d were Co.'s G and I of 3d Regiment of Light Infantry, in 2d Brigade, 1st Division, Mass. Volunteer Militia.

Ebenezer W. Peirce, the first Captain of the second company of Light Infantry, was commissioned Aug. 2, 1851, Major of the 3d Regiment of Light Infantry; promoted to Lieut.-Colonel, April 3, 1852, and to Brigadier General Nov. 7, 1855.

But Samuel Howland was "born a poet," with a keen, natural perception and appreciation of the ridiculous, that, with his rhyming faculties, enabled him to be exceedingly sarcastic. He comes to us, however, as no model of any particular moral virtue, for if we can accredit tradition, he was idle and lazy, and withal somewhat given to the bad habit of inebriation; but, drunk or sober, a poet and wit, unequalled by any of his associates or inhabitants of the town and section of country that gave him birth. Freetown, if not his birth-place, was for many years his local habitation, and Freetown in his time had that puritanical relic of a former age, a pair of stocks,* not often used, 'tis true, but ever ready for use if circumstances required; and of the few whose feet were fastened in these stocks (one of our oldest inhabitants, recently deceased, told the writer) was the veritable poet, Sam. Howland, who, like McFingal, could probably say—

"No rogue ere felt a halter draw,
With good opinion of the law;
Or held, in method orthodox,
A love of justice in the stocks."

That fruitful source of contention and endless theme for legislative enactments, the taking of herrings or alewives in Taunton Great River, called from Sam. what he declared to

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* Concerning the Freetown *stocks*, we find the following in the first book of that town's public records, under date of Oct. 1, 1711.

"Voted Leftenant Job Winslow 15 shillings for making a pair of stocks for the towns use."

"Voted 5. S. to sd winslow for going to Bristol to Court to answer the towns presentment for want of stocks." JOHN REED, Jr., Town Clerk."

1733, "Allowed to Barnabas Tisdale for making a pair of stox for the towns use, 00£. 15 Shil. 00 D. JOHN REED, Town Clerk."

In the month of March, 1734, Jacob Hathaway presented to the town his bill for "fetching the stocks and setting them up, 00£ 08 Shill. 00 D."

The writer's mother was born May 8, 1786, and in early girlhood attended school in a school-house standing where Joshua Shove's shop now does. She probably went to school there about the years 1794–95–96, and perhaps till 1800. She told the writer that the town stocks stood near that school house at that time; and if I mistake not, she also told me that there was a "whipping post" likewise, but of the last I am not so certain.

be a dream, or night vision, in which he saw his Satanic Majesty in hot dispute with the notables of the county at the shire town, now city of Taunton, and in words following—

"It was on Taunton Green
That the Devil was first seen,
And old Esquire Sprout that spied him first,
Could'nt tell who 'twas if he's to be curst."

The Sprout named was Major James Sprout, Sen., distinguished as a lawyer, and Clerk of the County Court.

Hon. Samuel Tobey, of Berkley, a Judge of the Inferior Court, next attracts the poet's vision, and of whom he says—

"Then old Judge Tobey he came there,
Riding on his sorrel mare,
Who said to Satan, How do you do?
I'd little thought of seeing you.
When Satan answered, sure as hell
Soon the brimstone you shall smell.
Then Satan said it is too bad
To raise the price of herring and shad,
To put a penny in your purse,
And thus to cause the poor to curse."

Howland, being poor in purse and rather shiftless, was doubtless agrarian in heart and principle, and could see nothing in a herring law save a preventing of free fishing and cutting off the poor from a proper and natural right, for the benefit of their more fortunate, highly favored and wealthy neighbors. That the devil should be of the same way of thinking was the most sensible part of the position assumed. But once at Taunton, the Evil One must needs go to Assonet and take off those whose measure of iniquity was already full, and hence Howland continued—

"Satan then began to rig
And fitted out a little brig,
When up he run to Assonet bay,
There dropped his sails one night to stay.
On morrow's tide that never fails,
Old Satan hoisted up his sails,
And up to Winslow's wharf he come,
There found old Josey selling rum.
Now Satan sunk his proof glass down,
And in the rum was water found;

Then said to Joseph, would't be amiss
If I should make you smart for this?
But Joseph begged he'd let him slip
Because he had a sore lip;
And then he added to his plea
That Colonel Weaver's worse than he."

This was Mr. Joseph Winslow, whose grocery store stood on his wharf, and who was afflicted with a sore mouth; and Col. Weaver was grandfather of the writer (his mother's father), then carrying on a hat factory in the village, an uncommonly polite man, considerably skilled in argument; all of which was duly observed by the rhymer Sam., who puts into the devil's mouth—

"Then Satan said, if that be true
I 'll take him off along with you;
So come along and let us go,
For the truth of that I soon will know."

And thus he proceeded through the village, taking nearly all as he went, till he came to Col. Weaver's place of business, and

"When they arrived at Weaver's shop,
The Devil bid them all to stop;
On pain of death said don't one stir
And hear them bow the rabbit's fur."

Introducing himself to my grandfather, he charged him as follows, receiving a characteristic reply:

"Of rabbits, woodchucks, skunks and cats,
It is that Colonel Weaver makes his hats.
Oh No sir, No sir, said Colonel Weaver,
This is the best of satin beaver.

In argument the Colonel's skilled,
But couldn't make the Devil yield;
Who said such rogues I'll not let run,
'Tis worse than selling watered rum."

Mr. Augustus Chase was considered an honest man, and he was very deaf. On coming to Mr. Chase, the devil is made to say—

" Here is Augustus Chase that I sha'nt clear,
Although he's deaf and cannot hear ;
The people call him an honest man,
But he will cheat you when he can."

And thus a whole vessel load was collected, among whom was a very filthy old woman, called "Ruth Abiel,"* and who, the poet dreamed, was deemed too dirty for Satan's company on board the water craft, and who, for which cause, he secured by a cable about her waist, and with one end fastened to the taffrail, set sail for the "infernal regions."

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* She was as filthy in morals and conversation as in her apparel and person, cleanliness and godliness being alike strangers to her. The writer has seen and conversed with several persons who well remembered her; and one of whom said he had seen her out of doors, and at a considerable distance from her home, lying upon the ground in a helpless state of intoxication; and others testified to the habit she had of going from house to house to beg rum to drink. Sometimes her excuse would be that she had a " bug in her ear," and at other times that " an aching tooth required the quiet afforded by ardent spirits." But whether for teeth or ears ostensibly obtained, the liquor was certain quickly to disappear down her throat. The name " Ruth Abiel " came of the fact that she was the widow of Abiel Chase, of Freetown. He made a will, June 1, 1766, that was proved in Probate Court on the 27th day of the same month, and of course his death must have occurred between those dates. Abiel and Ruth were married March 12, 1755, and their first child, christened " Lovisa," was born March 13, 1755, or the next day after the wedding.

A story of her character as a pilferer may be seen on page 303 of the book entitled " Peirce Family of the Old Colony." Ruth was the third daughter and third child of John Baggs, of Freetown, and wife Rebecca Paine, and born Sept. 8, 1732, granddaughter of John Paine, of Freetown, and wife Rebecca Davis, great granddaughter of Ralph Paine, of Freetown, and wife Dorothy ———. Content Baggs, first daughter of John Baggs and wife Rebecca Paine, was born Oct. 1, 1728 [Freetown Records], and being brought before the County Court for trial, in June, 1751, was convicted of fornication and bastardy and sentenced to be publicly " whipped on the naked back ten stripes well laid on." This was repeated for a like crime of which she was convicted in 1753. Phebe Baggs (sister of Content and Ruth), was born Sept. 9, 1738, and married, in 1762, Royal Lawton. She died Oct. 24, 1822, and was buried at the town's charge. She is still remembered by our oldest inhabitants, who represent her as travelling about and wearing a red cloak, always begging " rye meal." These three women, the embodiments of moral degradation, personal filthiness, licentiousness, bestiality and practical worthlessness, were great-great-granddaughters of William Makepeace, of Freetown, alike addicted to wine and women, as see Old Colony Records under date of Oct. 29, 1672 : " William Makepeace, Senr., living att Taunton River for lacivious attempts towards an Indian woman was centenced by the Court to be publickly whipt att the post, which was accordingly performed. And the said Makepeace for selling strong liquors to the Indians was fined five pounds." History always did repeat itself, and while time endures always will, and " blood will tell."

"But Ruth was contrary as a hog,
And towed as if she's waterlogged;
When Satan thought to have some fun,
Cut off the warp and let Ruth run.
As nimble crews tripped up aloft
To hand top gallant sails,
They saw poor Ruth a long way off,
Fighting with the whales.
For whales and she could not agree,
'Twas fins, flukes and ivory;
Ruth struck such strokes, so placed them home
That made the deepest waters foam,
The spermacetas did retreat,
Ruth drove the monsters of the deep
Where fish in mighty numbers roam:
She fought her way and struck for home,
And soon I heard the people say
That Ruth had entered in the bay,*
Soon swam to shore and roundly swore
She 'd be towed by the Devil no more."

The will, in rhyme, Sam. Howland made for Mike Jucket, is still remembered for its cutting sarcasm and wit. Jucket was part black; terribly afraid of lightning, and lived in a poor part of the country, abounding in what was called "horn pine" trees. The thunder cloud is supposed to be rising, when the terrified Jucket is made to say—

"The horn pine snags,
Will stand no fags
When darkened skuds appear;
Lo here I stand in dirt and rags,
And trembling quake with fear."

He then proceeds to dispose of all his sublunary interests, not omitting to assign an owner for his dog, and then turning to his children, thus addressed them—

"When the great seas give up their dead,
And graves shall do the same,
You 'll see this old black skin of mine
Numbered with that of Cain."

Howland removed to Lisle, in the State of New

* "Assonet Bay," so called, is a little west of Assonet Village, that is, located at the head of tide water. This bay at high or full tide is very pleasant, and affords fine opportunity for sailing. Sheets of water possessing no more or greater charms have had their beauties and loveliness set forth in song.

York, many years ago. Tradition assigns a spot in Freetown, where the marks of a house remain, in a field, now lying common, as that where Sam. Howland's modest mansion rose.

About three miles east of Assonet Village (but within the limits of Freetown), was formerly a settlement that had an unenviable notoriety on account of the bad character of many of its inhabitants. But, like the ancient abodes of wickedness, those "cities of the plain," described in Scripture history, so have the human habitations of this modern Sodom disappeared, fallen a prey to lawless violence or incendiary fires, till only half a dozen remain,* and nearly all that section of country, deserted by its inhabitants, is fast growing up to wood and becoming an interminable forest, in which here and there among the trees can be seen excavations that were formerly cellars, and piles of stone and brick, the fallen ruins of chimneys. A small stream that afforded water power sufficient for a saw mill coursed its way through the settlement, crossing the highway near the mill, where it was spanned by a bridge constructed in part of stone and part slabs from logs sawed in the mill. It was to this circumstance that the locality owed its name,—simple, unpretending and modest, with no wicked similitude, sound or significance, and yet "SLAB BRIDGE," almost the world over, came to be a hissing and a byword, the synonym of disgrace, rascality and contempt, and of which Sam Howland gave a graphic description, commencing with

> "As for Slab Bridge, 'tis a perfect hell,
> Beyond the art of man to tell."

Among the denizens of this place was one whose head and face had suffered serious injury from the machinery of a saw-mill, and to whom Howland alluded thus:

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* In that section of country called "Slab Bridge," there are probably not a tenth part the number that peopled the same region fifty years ago, and it is now as moral as other places, the character of its inhabitants comparing well with the "rest of mankind." Names of the heads of families residing there in 1874: William Richardson, Dudley Hathaway and Thomas Clark.

"His head is jambed
And body damned,
His heart so full of evil,
None can but know
That he must go
And reckon with the Devil."

Samuel Howland (No. 66) and wife Ruth Thomas had:

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William Howland (No. 67) and wife Elizabeth Bryant had:

(129) William, m. Lucy Howland (No. 91).

Abner Howland (No. 77) and wife Ruth Gould had:

(130) Otis, who never married, lives in Spencer, Mass., is a goldsmith, and to whom the thanks of the writer are due for information.

Capt. Elkanah Peirce and wife Betsey Howland (No. 85) had:

(131) Dorothy, b.
(132) Mercy, b.
(133) Betsey, b. July 6, 1801; d. Aug. 24, 1802.

Capt. Elkanah, the parent, removed to the State of New York, and from there to Illinois, where he died.

Noble Howland (No. 87) and wife Betsey Peirce had nine children, of whom I have been able to obtain only the names of two, viz.:

(134) Pardon.
(135) Benjamin.
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Jedediah Howland (No. 105) and wife Susan —— had:

(143) James, b. 18—; m.

(144) Irene, b. Nov. 17, 1829; d. Sept. 19, 1850. [Gravestone.]

(145) Benjamin.

(146) Shubael, was a soldier in the nine months' service late war of the great Rebellion, 3d Mass. Regiment. Death caused by the kick of a horse, since the war.

(147) John.

Edmund Peirce and wife Wealtha Howland (No. 111) had:

(148) Howland, b. Sept. 24, 1800; m. Dec. 19, 1830, Elizabeth Chase, of Somerset. She died July 14, 1855.

(149) Mary H., b. Sept. 1, 1802; d. Sept. 2, 1823.

(150) Sarah, b. March 6, 1812; d. Nov. 12, 1832.

(151) Herman, b. Dec. 11, 1815; m. Nov. —, 1841, Priscilla Haskins, of Taunton.

Edmund, the parent, was a wheelwright, which trade was followed by his oldest son, Howland Peirce, to whom my thanks are due for information respecting the Howland family.

Sergeant Joseph Evans and wife Phebe Howland (No. 112) had:

(152) Phebe H., b. Sept. 3, 1809; m. Dec. 19, 1830, Wm. L. Goff, of Rehoboth. Reside in Freetown.

(153) Jane, b. Dec. 4, 1812; m. Sept. 19, 1844, Lorenzo Lawton, of Freetown. She died Dec. 25, 1853. He died 1874. For a second wife he m. Olivia Shaw, of Taunton, and they were divorced.

(154) Rebecca R., b. March 23, 1815; m. July 5, 1835, Barnas L. Burbank, of Taunton.

(155) David, b. May 14, 1817; m. Catharine Glass, of Pittsburg, Penn.

(156) Joseph P., b. May 2, 1820; m. Elizabeth Pancake, of Harrisburg, Penn.

(157) Joshua, b. Jan. 22, 1823; m. twice: first, Harriet Fergerson, of Newcastle; second, Catharine Sterling, of Newcastle, Penn.

Capt. Seth Howland (No. 114) and wife Abigail Ashley had:

(158) Joshua, b. Sept. 14, 1809; never married; d.

(159) Almira, b. Jan. 23, 1811; m. May 10, 1829, Capt. Noah H. Evans, of Freetown.

(160) Adaline, b. April 24, 1813; d. Feb. —, 1814.

(161) Jephtha A., b. Dec. 1, 1814; m. Ruth Pearce, of Freetown. They reside in Freetown.

(162) William A., b. April 9, 1817; m. Frances A. Hundley, of ——, North Carolina.

(163) Harrison, b. Feb. 7, 1820; d. Nov. 24, 1838.

(164) Frank, b. April 12, 1822; m. Harriet Montague. Dead. Was a blacksmith.

By second wife, Phylena Hoskins, had:

(165) Maria J., b. Aug. 14, 1825; m. D. H. Wilbur.

(166) Angeline, b. Feb. 5, 1828; d. Jan. 28, 1830.

(167) Sumner M., b. Nov. 20, 1829. He d. young.

(168) Caroline C., b. Dec. 11, 1830; m. Levi S. Cook, of Milton.

(169) Melicca D., b. Sept. 30, 1833; d. Sept. 9, 1854. [Gravestone.]

(170) Amanda M. F., b. Nov. 23, 1835; m. Jacob C. Haskins, of Lakeville, Mass. Reside in Taunton.

(171) Orleans Jackson, b. March 27, 1837; committed suicide by taking laudanum. Never married.

(172) Seth A., b. Nov. 25, 1840.

Sergeant Guilford Evans and wife Elizabeth Howland (No. 115) had:

(173) Noah H., b. March 3, 1805; m. May 10, 1829, Almira, a daughter of Capt. Seth Howland, of Freetown. He was commissioned Lieutenant of 1st Co. of the local militia in Freetown, May 15, 1830; promoted to Captain, May 27, 1831; honorably discharged, Sept. 7, 1836. Deputy Sheriff for Bristol County.

(174) Jacob H., b. March 31, 1807; never married. Fell in a fit while at work in the woods, and expired in a few minutes after being conveyed to the nearest house.

(175) Benjamin, b. Sept. 18, 1809; m. Sarah Spooner, of New Bedford. He is a stone and brick mason. Resides in Freetown; Selectman of town; one year Representative to General Court.

(176) Ruth H., b. Nov. 15, 1815; m. Oct. 25, 1835, James K. Gardiner, of Swansey. He d. She d.

(177) Deborah H., b. Jan. 9, 1821; m. Sept. 28, 1840, James Taber, of New Bedford. She died.

Guilford, the parent, was first Sergeant of the 1st Company of the local militia of Freetown when on duty in the state of Rhode Island, July, 1780; also Sergeant of Artillery in continental army.

He was a son of Thomas Evans and wife Hannah Hathaway, and was born May 4, 1754; grandson of David Evans and wife Sarah; m. first, Dec. 11, 1783, Rebecca Read, of Freetown. She d. Dec. 30, 1796, and he m. second, in 1804, Elizabeth Howland, of Freetown. He d. Nov. 30, 1829. By his first wife he had two sons who served in the "coast guard" in the last war with England, one holding the same office in the same company of militia that he held in the war of American Revolution.

Elijah Dean and wife Deborah Howland (No. 117) had:

(178) Horatio, b. 18—. Went to sea and never returned.

(179) Joanna, b. 18—; m. twice: first, Clark Finney, of Lakeville, Mass.; second, —— Watkins.

(180) Gamaliel, b. 18—. Went to the West.

(181) Emeline, b. 18—; m. William Atwood, of Providence.

(182) Sarah, b. 18—.

A handsome white marble stone marks the grave of Deborah, the mother. It was erected by the daughter Sarah, so says the inscription thereon.

Capt. Malachi Howland (No. 119) and wife Katurah Howland (No. 113) had:

(183) James M., b. Oct. 20, 1809; never married; died Jan. 8, 1832.

(184) Ruth, b. Jan. 17, 1812; m. John Calvin Haskins, of Freetown. He died 18—. She died Feb. 2, 1868.

(185) Son, b. 181–; died when very young.

(186) Mary, b. Feb. 22, 1815; m. June 13, 1836, Daniel Macomber, of East Taunton. Reside in Freetown.

(187) Harriet, b. July 27, 1817; m. twice: first, July 3, 1842, William H. Haskins, of Taunton. He d. 18—, and she m. second, Nov. 1, 1865, Russell Haskins, of Taunton. He was a soldier in the three months' service in late war of Rebellion, being a private in Co. G of the 3d Reg't of Mass. Vol. Militia, David W. Wardrop, of New Bedford, Colonel, and in the Brigade of which Ebenezer W. Peirce, of Freetown, was Brigadier General.

(188) Phebe, b. Aug. 18, 1819; d. Aug. 9, 1836.

(189) Charles, b. Nov. 4, 1821; m. 18—, Lydia Dean, of Taunton. He d. Aug. 1851. She married again.

(190) Abigail, b. Feb. 14, 1824; m. 18—, William King Richmond, of Freetown. Reside in Taunton.

(191) Edmund P., b. Aug. 23, 1827; d. Jan. 17, 1832.

(192) Roba, b. May 19, 1830; m. no one; d. May 13, 1850.

Cyrus Haskins and wife Catharine Howland (No. 120) had:

(193) Cyrus, b. June 18, 1816; m. Susanna McKinster.

(194) Daniel, b. Aug. 2, 1819; m. Hannah Haskins, of Freetown. Reside in Assonet Village.

(195) Priscilla, b. Aug. 25, 1821; m. Nov. 1841, Hermon Peirce, of Freetown. Reside in Freetown.

(196) Catharine, b. April 26, 1824; m. Orrin Eddy, of Fall River. He died, and she resides in Freetown.

(197) George H., b. Sept. 9, 1827; m. Sept. 1850, Mary Ann Richmond, of Freetown. Reside in Freetown.

(198) Elizabeth, b. May, 1829; m. June 16, 1850, Silas P. Richmond, of Freetown. They were divorced, and he has married again.

David Babbitt and wife Hannah Howland (No. 122) had:

(199) George S., b. 18—; m. —— Bowen, of Fall River.

(200) David, b. Jan. 5, 1816; m. 1837, Mary Hall, of Freetown.

Rollin Eaton and wife Permilla Howland (No. 123) had:

(201) Permilla, b. 18—; m. (Daniel) Sumner Briggs, of Berkley.

(202) Sally, b. 18—; m. no one.

(203) Rollin B., b. April 28, 1819; m. 18—, Mary Ashley, of Freetown. In the Assonet Light Infantry, Co. G, of 3d Reg't, he was commissioned, Dec. 13, 1854, 4th Lieutenant, and afterwards promoted to 3d, and also to 2d Lieutenant.

(204) Triphosa, b. 18—; m. George Strange, of Berkley.

(205) Cordelia, b. 18—; m. Hiram L. Davis, of Rehoboth.

(206) Daniel, b. June 24, 1825; m. twice.

Capt. Noah H. Evans and wife Almira Howland (No. 159) had:

(207) Guilford, b. July 31, 1829; m. Merabah Bowen.

(208) Abigail A., b. April 27, 1831; m. Lieut. Thomas Babbitt, of Fall River, Lieutenant of Fall River Artillery.

(209) Rhoda H., b. Aug. 10, 1833; m. George F. Chadwick, of Dighton.

(210) Ann M., b. Aug. 15, 1835; m. Charles Codding, of Dighton.

(211) James W., b. Aug. 31, 1837; m. —— Hathaway.

(212) Charles H., b. Aug. 31, 1837; m. Mary Haskins.

(213) Isaac H., b. June 26, 1839; m. no one. Died.

(214) Joseph, b. April 27, 1842.

(215) Deborah S., b. May 31, 1844; died young.

(216) Betsey, b. 18—; m. —— Pidgeon, of Block Island.

(217) Mary E., b.

(218) Frank, b.

In the first company of the local militia of Freetown, Noah, the parent, was commissioned May 15, 1830, as Lieutenant, and May 27, 1831, as Captain. Honorably discharged Sept. 7, 1836; when Captain Alden Hathaway, Jr., was his Lieutenant, and Rodolphus W. Sisson, Ensign. Of the regiment to which the company belonged, Philip R. Bennett was Colonel, Wm. Sisson Lieut.-Colonel, and Isaac Borden Major, all of Fall River. The brigade commanded by Brigadier-General Wm. Peck, of Dighton, and the division by Major-General Cromwell Washburn, of Taunton.

Jephthah A. Howland (No. 161) and wife Ruth Pearce had:

(219) Harrison, b. April, 1843; d. Oct. 8, 1844. [Gravestone.]

(220) Amelia V., b. Aug. 1845; d. April 16, 1851. [Gravestone.]

(221) Irene B., b. Aug. 1848; d. Sept. 9, 1850. [Gravestone.]

(222) Alfred, b. March 27, 1852. } twins.
(223) Angenett, b. March 27, 1852. }

WILLIAM A. HOWLAND (No. 162) and wife FRANCES A. HUNDLEY had:

(224) James, b.
(225) Alvirus, b.
(226) Caroline, b.
(227) Henry, b.
(228) Alonzo, b.
(229) John, b.
(230) Ellen, b.

D. H. WILBUR and wife MARIA J. HOWLAND (No. 165) had:

(231) David.
(232) Maria.

LEVI S. COOK and wife CAROLINE C. HOWLAND (No. 168) had:

(233) William, b. 18—; m.
(234) Henry, b. 18—; m.
(235) Emogene, b. 18—; m.
(236) Walter, b. 18—; m.
(237) Frank, b. 18—; m.

JACOB C. HASKINS and wife AMANDA M. F. HOWLAND (No. 170) had:

(238) Frederick.
(239) Edward.
(240) Ella.

JOHN C. HASKINS and wife RUTH HOWLAND (No. 184) had:

(241) Jacob, b. 18—; m. Amanda M. F. Howland, of Freetown (No. 170). They reside in East Taunton.
(242) Caroline, b. 18—; m. James Eldridge.

(243) Elizabeth, b. 18—; m. Christopher French.

(244) Lydia, b. 18—.

(245) Anna, b. 18—; m. 18—, Abner J. Sears,* of Lakeville, son of Earl Sears (No. 93). Abner and wife were divorced.

(246) John C.

(247) Ellen.

Daniel Macomber and wife Mary Howland (No. 186) had:

(248) Phebe H., b. April 27, 1837; m. Dec. 27, 1864, William Fisher, of New Bedford. Reside in Freetown.

(249) Eliza E., b. Oct. 8, 1839; m. Oct. 29, 1863, William R. Dean, of Freetown. Reside in Assonet.

(250) Melinda W., b. May 3, 1841.

(251) Mary E., b. Jan. 17, 1843.

(252) Roxanna S., b. Dec. 13, 1844; m. July 28, 1868, Charles Read, of Freetown. Reside in Assonet.

(253) Daughter, died young.

(254) Daughter, died young.

(255) Harriet L., b. Dec. 28, 1850; m. June 22, 1871, Abraham Thomas Haskell, of Freetown. Reside in Fall River.

(256) Daniel L., b. Dec. 28, 1850; m. no one; died July 18, 1868.

(257) Arabella F., b. Nov. 24, 1854. School teacher.

(258) Charles H., b. March 30, 1858.

William Henry Haskins and wife Harriet Howland (No. 187) had:

(259) Charles H., b. Sept. 4, 1845; d. Feb. 8, 1846.

(260) Mary Ann, b. Jan. 26, 1847.

(261) Malachi H., b. Sept. 13, 1848; m. Jan. 23, 1873, Anna P. Fletcher.

(262) Roba, b. Dec. 16, 1853.

* He died in 1874, death th[illegible] to have been the result of an overdose of opium.

Charles Howland (No. 189) and wife Lydia Dean had:

(263) Fanny, b. 18—; m. 18—, Edward Macomber, of Taunton.

William K. Richmond and wife Abigail Howland (No. 190) had:

(264) Joseph B., b. 184–; died young.

(265) Pulcherah O., b. Dec. 2, 1843; m. Apollos P. Terry, of Lakeville. She sued for a divorce.

(266) Alice K., b. July 21, 1854.

These thirty-five pages devoted to a biographical and genealogical account of the Howlands contain comparatively a small part of the history of that family, or even that branch of it to which I have given attention; yet meagre and imperfect as it is, none other either equal, better or worse has preceded it, or is by me known to exist. The writer does not claim perfection in the work, and doubtless errors are contained in several of the statements, as some of these rest upon authority purely traditional. The writer was particularly indebted to that worthy man, Mr. Earl Sears (No. 93), for much of the information herein contained, and after his death received some aid from his son John, who is to a considerable degree imbued with his father's commendable spirit; and in this connection favorable mention should be made of Mr. Howland Peirce (No 148), whose remarkably retentive memory has enabled him, from the accumulations of his well-stored mind, like the faithful treasurer spoken of in Scripture, to bring forth much, both new and old.

THE HOSKINE, HOSKINS OR HASKINS FAMILY.

William Hoskins, or Hoskine, as the surname used sometimes to be spelled in the public records of Plymouth Colony, was at Plymouth and a married man as early as 1641, for on the 2d day of March in that year, "Ann Hinde the wife of William Hoskins, aged 25 yeares or thereabout," testified concerning what occurred in the old country before she came to America. January 18, 1643/4. William Hoskins in writing agreed that his daughter Sarah Hoskins should live with Thomas Whitney and wife until Sarah should be twenty years of age, and the document further went on to say that Sarah was 6 years old the 16th of Sept. last past, and therefore must have been born Sept. 16th, 1637.

This leads us to suppose William Hoskins was married as early as 1635, and if Ann Hinde was his first wife, that she became a mother at the age of 20 years, which is probably the fact.

From the old colony records we glean the additional fact that William Hoskins's children were as follows:

Sarah, b. Sept. 16, 1637.

A son, name not given, b. Nov. 30, 1647.

Samuel, b. Aug. 8, 1654.

Tradition says that William Hoskins of Taunton (who, on the 3d of July, 1677, was married to Sarah Caswell), was a son of William of Pl[redacted]th, and if the son whose birth is

recorded but name not given, then he was about thirty years of age at the date of his marriage, and almost 73 at the making of his will, which suppositions are quite reasonable.

William Hoskins, of Plymouth, received several land grants, and one, under date of June 3, 1662, located the grant at a place called Lakenham.

He was one of the Grand Jury in 1654 and 1682, and Petit Juror 23 times from 1646 to 1681.

Letters of administration were granted William Hoskins of Plymouth, on the estate of "Nicholas Hodgis," Feb. 6th, 1656, and on the estate of Peter Riffe, March, 1684.

The tongue of Ann, the wife of William Hoskins, appears to have been an unruly member, for on one occasion she was complained of and brought into court for saying a certain woman of her acquaintance was "*drunk as a bitch;*" which statement, Ann, on being arraigned, acknowledged was false, and under date of March 1, 1664, the court record informs us that

"Ann the wife of William Hoskins for ſpeaking moſt laciuiouſe and filthy language to Heſter Ricard* fined twenty shillings."

William Hoskins and Ann his wife were also plaintiffs in court in an action against John Dunford for slander, and the jury awarded to them the full amount claimed as damages.

Soon after the close of King Philip's War and under date of March 2, 1680, we find this record:

"The Court have ordered four pounds vnto William Hoskins to be payed to him by the Treaſurer in regard of his low condition haueing loſt all he had in the late warr and being growne old and vnable to labour."

William Hoskins, of Taunton, was a son of William Hoskins, of Plymouth. [Tradition.]

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* The maiden name of Hester Rickard was Barnes. John Barnes, of Plymouth, in his will, dated March 6, 1678, noticed his "*kinswoman Ester Rickard*," who was doubtless identical with Hester Barnes, who married a Rickard. John Barnes was a drunken sot, and his death was occasioned by a bull that gored him in return for some pranks he was playing with the beast.

That he was a soldier in the Narragansett War we accept as a fact, because in his "last will and testament" he made that declaration. For the name of his wife, date of their marriage, together with the names of his children and dates of their several births (save the daughter Hannah) we are indebted to the "Proprietors' Records" of the township of Taunton, and that they had a daughter Hannah to the mention of her name in the father's will, dated March 26, 1730.

The principal interest in the Hoskins family felt by the writer of this genealogy, arises from the fact that he is a lineal descendant through Henry, the third son and fifth child of the second William. This Henry was by trade a "blacksmith," and we make no effort to conceal the fact, nor do we feel any mortification on that account, and hence the advice of the poet is lost on us when he says,

> "Depend upon it, my snobbish friend,
> Your family thread you can't ascend
> Without good reason to apprehend
> You 'll find it waxed at the farther end
> By some plebeian vocation."

After an extended research concerning families bearing more than twenty different surnames, and with which we are by blood allied, we have not realized the

> "Worse than that, your boasted line
> May end in a loop of stronger twine,
> That plagued some ancient relation."

The student in our country's history has an interest in this branch of the Hoskins family, as it has been contended that Abraham Lincoln, the martyr President of the United States, was a lineal descendant, and that the same blood which coursed the veins of William Hoskins, of Plymouth, was, through successive generations, as a legitimate inheritance, transmitted to the Captain in "Black Hawk's War," Congressional statesman and President, and at last shed by the hand of a malignant assassin, filling loyal hearts with horror and the whole

people with forebodings of evil and desolation and feelings of sadness and gloom.

Tradition asserts, and known facts to a considerable extent aid in justifying this claim, for Mr. Lincoln in form bore a very striking resemblance to the old race of Hoskins, and that his ancestors went from New England is generally admitted and scarcely ever denied, and that one of the women of this family was the legal wife of one ABRAHAM LINCOLN is a matter of public record, and that this man and woman went to a distant and south-westerly part of the country and there became the grand-parents of the President, is tradition, and one that comes down through those persons who would be the most likely to know of and to notice the fact. To prove positively that Mr. Lincoln was or that he was not lineally descended from the Hoskins family, is at this time probably an impossibility, as Mr. Lincoln's information concerning his genealogical descent was meagre in the extreme, nor have any of his biographers succeeded in adding much light or knowledge to that which he enjoyed on this subject.

Of late years people have come quite generally to write and pronounce this name H*a*skins instead of H*o*skins. That the name was Hoskins and not Haskins we are pretty thoroughly convinced, and shall therefore call them what the public formerly did, and what they called themselves, as we cannot see any right that we possess to change their surnames any more than those of their christening.

We shall endeavor to adhere to the ancient form of spelling, until arriving to those who changed it: calling those H*a*skins who from choice called themselves so, as this, we think, is the only fair method of procedure that will mete out justice to all.

Perhaps the H*o*skinses will say that all should be called Hoskins, and the H*a*skinses that it looks better and sounds better to accept their mode of spelling; but the writer of this work will not assume or accept the labor of settling

for them what they cannot settle among and for themselves.

There was a John Hoskins who was warned out of the town of Plymouth in October, 1684, for fear he would become chargeable to that town; and a John Haskins, a soldier in Capt. Samuel Gallop's company in the expedition to Canada in 1690; and a John Hoskins, a weaver by trade, of Dighton, who made a will, May 31, 1715, and named wife Elizabeth, daughter Eliza wife of Ebenezer Pitts, daughter Sarah wife of Henry Gassett. He also had allusion to his brother Richard Hoskins.

There was a Mary Hoskins who married Edward Cobb, of Plymouth, Nov. 28, 1660; Rebecca Hoskins, of Lakenham, who married Richard Briggs, of Taunton, Aug. 15, 1662, and Elizabeth Hoskins who married Ephraim Tilson, of Plymouth, July 7, 1666; and these the writer of this genealogy lacks evidence to enable him to state how they are connected with the family whose history is here being considered.

William Hoskins and wife Ann Hinde had:

(2) Sarah, b. Sept. 16, 1636; mar. Dec. 4, 1660. Benjamin Eaton, of Plymouth.

(3) William, b. (perhaps Nov. 30, 1747) m. July 3, 1677, Sarah Caswell, of Taunton. 1647

(4) Samuel, b. Aug. 8, 1654; m. Feb. 5, 1684, Mary Austin.

William Hoskins (No. 3) and wife Sarah Caswell had:

(5) Anne, b. Feb. 14, 1678; m. Nathaniel Smith, who died in or before 1730, as at that date she was called a widow.

(6) Sarah, b. Aug. 31, 1679; m. —— Smith.

(7) William, b. June 30, 1681. Was alive in 1730, for at that date his father willed to him the land that was due for services performed by the parent in Narraganset war.

(8) Henry, b. March —, 1683; d. Dec. —, 1683.

(9) Henry, b. Oct. 12, 1686; was by trade a blacksmith; m. twice: first, Abigail Godfrey, of Taunton, who was a daughter of Richard Godfrey and wife Mary Richmond, granddaughter of Richard Godfrey and wife —— Turner. Abigail was b. Nov. 5, 1684, and d. Nov. 4, 1755, lacking one day of 71 years. He m. second, April 2, 1758, Mrs. Priscilla Booth, probably the widow of John Booth, of Middleboro'. Henry Hoskins d. July 29, 1771, aged 84 years, 9 months and 17 days.

(10) Josiah, b. April 4, 1689.

(11) John, b. Sept. 28, 1690; m. no one. Tradition says he was cast away, and perished from hunger on the island of Anticosti.

(12) Jacob, b. Nov. 1, 1692.

(13) Stephen, b. Sept. 2, 1697; m. Mary ———. He was dead at the date of his father's will, March 26, 1730.

(14) Hannah, m. William Macomber, of Taunton. He was b. Jan. 31, 1683.

Samuel Hoskins (No. 4) and wife Mary Austin had:

(15) Samuel.

(16) Joshua.

(17) Nehemiah.

(18) Lydia.

(19) Mary.

(20) Hannah.

Samuel, the parent, was of Taunton, and made a will, dated March 17, 1732, in which he named wife Mary and children whose names here appear.

William Hoskins (No. 7) and wife had:

(21) William. Tradition informs us that for a time he resided in Middleboro'.

(22) Abiel, m. Elizabeth Richmond.

(23) Nathaniel.

(24) Shadrach, m. Elizabeth Cole, of Berkley. She was a daughter of John Cole, and b. May 31, 1724.*

(25) George.

Henry Hoskins (No. 9) and wife Abigail Godfrey had:

(26) Mary, b. Oct. 8, 1711; mar. Dec. 13, 1728, Ebenezer Peirce, of Middleboro', now Lakeville. He d. Sunday, Aug. 14, 1796, aged about 92 years. She d. Oct. 5, 1768, wanting three days of 57 years. Both buried in the cemetery on the southerly bank of Assawomset Pond in Lakeville, and have suitable gravestones bearing inscriptions. Great-grand-parents to the writer of this genealogy.

(27) Henry, b. Dec. 12, 1713; m. twice: first, Hannah ——. She d. Feb. 7, 1745, and was interred in the "Caswell burial ground," East Taunton, and has a gravestone bearing a legible inscription. He m. second, Jan. 8, 1746, Mary, a daughter of Philip Rounsevill, of East Freetown, an English emigrant, and wife Mary Howland. Henry d. June 3, 1796, aged 82 years, 5 months and 22 days. She d. Aug. 17, 1792, aged 81 years, 4 months and 6 days.

(28) Anne, b. June 22, 1714; m. Feb. 9, 1732, Melatiah Hathaway, of Freetown. She d. and he m. again.

(29) Abigail, b. Aug. 24, 1719; m. Aug. 11, 1737, Shadrach Peirce, of Middleboro', now Lakeville.

(30) Sarah, b. Nov. 18, 1726; m. Jan. 31, 1745, Dea. William Hoar, of Middleboro', now Lakeville. He was a deacon of the Calvinistic Baptist church, under the ministrations of Rev. Ebenezer Hinds. Deacon Hoar d. April 25, 1795, aged 83 years, 3 months and 25 days.

* The town records of Berkley give the following account of the family of John Cole and wife Elizabeth: John, b. Sept. 29, 1716; Joseph, b. March 18, 1718; Mary, b. Feb. 17, 1720; Hannah, b. March 19, 1722; Elizabeth, b. May 31, 1724; Robert, b. Oct. 22, 1726; Phebe, b. July 26, 1729; Susanna, b. Dec. 8, 1731, d. 1737; Abiel, b. Feb. 6, 1733; Abigail, b. Aug. 13, 1736; Lydia, b. Aug. 20, 1739; George, b. Sept. 29, 1741.

They were interred in the Caswell burial ground, East Taunton, and have grave-stones bearing legible inscriptions.

Stephen Hoskins (No. 13) and wife Mary —— had:

(31) Stephen, m. Mary ——.
(32) Mary.
(33) Abiah.

William Macomber and wife Hannah Hoskins (No. 14) had:

(34) Abiel.
(35) William.
(36) Anne.
(37) Sarah.

Samuel Hoskins (No. 15) and wife Joanna —— had:

(38) Peter.
(39) Sarah, m. Henry Burt.
(40) Abigail.
(41) Phebe.
(42) Amy.
(43) John.

The estate of Samuel, the parent, was divided in 1761, when the children above noticed were named, as also the widow.

Joshua Hoskins (No. 16) and wife had:

(44) Joshua.
(45) Abijah.
(46) Lemuel.
(47) Mercy, m. Pratt.
(48) Lydia, m. Abraham Lincoln, of Taunton, and also of Freetown. Tradition says they left their farm in what was then Freetown, now Fall River, and went to a more southerly part of the country.
(49) Prudence, m. Lemuel Hathaway.

(50) Rebecca, m. Nathan Hack.

(51) Hannah.

(52) Ann, m. —— Eddy.

Joshua, the parent, was of Taunton, and called yeoman. He made a will, dated Jan. 1, 1772. Named children as above, save that daughter Ann was then single.

WILLIAM HOSKINS (No. 21) and wife had:

(53) William, who was a blacksmith and went to Canada before the war of American Revolution, at least such is the tradition I have received concerning him, and also that he was known to have been living in Canada in the time that war was being waged.

ABIEL HOSKINS (No. 22) and wife had:

(54) Abiel, m. ~~twice~~: first, Lydia Briggs. She died, and he m. second, Mrs. Ruth Read Allen, the widow of J. Allen. (Tradition.)

(55) Joshua, b. March 26, 1755; m. Hannah Myrick, of Berkley. She was b. Aug. 17, 1757.

(56) Elijah, b. 1757. He was blind for several of the last years of his life. Died March 15, 1851. Resided near Myrickville, in East Taunton. He m. Hannah Richmond.

(57) John, b. 1759; m. Dec. 11, 1781, Ruth Caswell. She d. April 6, 1800, in her 43d year; and he m. second, Susanna ——. She d. Jan. 15, 1840, in her 80th year. He d. Aug. 20, 1828. (See gravestones.)

(58) Henry, m. Nov. 21, 1782, Abigail Townsend, of Taunton. He d.

(59) Prudence, m. Capt. Amos Washburn, of Middleboro', now Lakeville. He d. Oct. 14, 1794, aged 52 years. She d. Oct. 30, 1804. (See gravestones.)

(60) Lydia, m. Abraham Pearce, of East Taunton.

(61) Betsey.

(62) Welthea, m. Amos Briggs, of Berkley.

(63) Abigail, m. Jonathan Harvey, of Freetown.
(64) Bethana, m. James Harvey, of Freetown.
(65) Charity, m. Paul Anthony.

Abiel, the parent, was by trade a blacksmith, and lived in East Taunton, near Myrickville.

Shadrach Hoskins (No. 24) and wife Elizabeth Cole had:

(66) Shadrach, b. Aug. 26, 1743; d. March 31, 1749.
(67) Nathan, b. Feb. 20, 1744.
(68) Abel, b. Jan. 28, 1746; d. March 24, 1749.
(69) Samuel, b. March 11, 1749; d. March 24, 1749.
(70) Seth, b. April 24, 1750.
(71) Elizabeth, b. Feb. 25, 1753.
(72) Hannah, b. July 15, 1757.
(73) Rainah, b. June 17, 1759.
(74) Bathsheba, b. Dec. 23, 1761.
(75) Phylena, b. March 18, 1766.
(76) Abigail, b. July 28, 1768.

For the christian names of Shadrach Hoskins's children, and the dates of their births, I am indebted to the town records of Berkley. Elizabeth, the mother, was a daughter of John Cole.

Ebenezer Peirce and wife Mary Hoskins (No. 26) had:

(77) John, b. March 7, 1731; m. three times: first, July 17, 1755, Sarah Rounsevill, of East Freetown. She died Oct. 20, 1774; m. second, Aug. 31, 1775, Lucy Ashley, of Middleborough. She d. Aug. 8, 1799, and he m. Elizabeth Read; date of her death unknown to me. He died in Shutesbury, Mass., Jan. 9, 1823.

(78) Abiel, b. Sept. 10, 1733; m. twice: first, in 1758, Hannah Canedy, of Middleborough. She died June 10, 1783. He m. second, Dec. 30, 1783, Mrs. Theodora Robinson, of Raynham. Her maiden name was Godfrey. She died He died Dec. 26, 1811.

(79) Judith, b. Feb. 24, 1736; m. Lieut. Melatiah Hathaway, Jr., of Dartmouth, He died Jan. 8, 1808. She died Nov. 6, 1824. They resided in Dartmouth.

(80) Job, b. Nov. 29, 1737; m. twice: first, May 18, 1761, Elizabeth Rounsevill, of East Freetown. She d. June 9, 1790; m. second, Oct. 1799, Mrs. Elizabeth Strobridge, of Middleborough. Her maiden name was Nelson. She died March, 1846. He died July 22, 1819.*

(81) Anna, b. ———; m. twice: first, Aug. 23, 1757, Abiel Cole, of Middleboro'. He died in or about 1781. She m. second, Thomas Rounsevill. She died Sept. 1806.

(82) Henry, b. 1743; m. twice: first, March, 1768, Salome Hinds, of Middleborough. She d. June 17, 1784. He m. second, March 17, 1785, Deborah Chase, of Middleborough. She died Dec. 23, 1849. He died Jan. 22, 1791.

(83) Mary, b. ———; m. Oct. 19, 1764, Benjamin Spooner, Jr., of Middleborough, now Lakeville.

(84) Seth, b. ——, 1747; m. four times: first, Nov. 9, 1769, Huldah Sampson, of Middleborough. She d. March 15, 1793; m. second, Dec. 22, 1793, Rebecca Paige, of Hardwick. She d. Aug. 2, 1795; m. third, in 1796, Abigail Hinkley, of Brookfield. She d. Dec. 30, 1797; m. fourth, Mary McFarlin. He died Feb. 25, 1809.

(85) Hopestill, b. June 27, 1748; m. Feb. 11, 1767, Stephen Hathaway, of Taunton. She died Jan. 10, 1838.

(86) Ebenezer, b ———; m. no one. Lost his life in

* Since the publication of the book entitled *Peirce Family of Old Colony*, the writer has found the following list of officers and soldiers that served under Job Peirce, for a short period, in the War of Revolution. For roll of another company under Capt. Job Peirce in that war, see pages 64 and 65 of that book. Capt. Job Peirce's Company, in Col. Sprout's Regiment, in service from Dec. 9, 1776: Job Peirce, *Captain;* Josiah Smith, 1*st Lieut.;* Samuel Hoar, 2*nd Lieut.;* Enos Raymond, Ezra Clark, Abraham Peirce and Ebenezer Hinds, *Sergeants;* Seth Ramsdill, *Corporal;* Roger Clark, *Drummer*. *Private soldiers*, Henry Peirce, Isaac Howland, Stephen Hathaway, Enos Peirce, James Peirce, Isaac Parris, Abiel Chase, Bradock Hoar, Moses Parris, Zebedee Booth, Eseck Howland, Seth Keen, John Allen, Samuel Parris, John Hinds, John Haskins, Joshua Caswell, William Canedy, Noble Canedy, Benjamin Reynolds, George Peirce, Libeus Simmons, Ephraim Reynolds, Joseph Booth, Jr., and John Douglas.

Revolutionary Army, being a soldier in Capt. Joshua White's company at the date of his decease, and on duty in or near Newport, R. I.*

Henry Hoskins (No. 27) and first wife Hannah had:

(87) Jacob, b. June 10, 1736; m. May 2, 1770, Mercy Pitts. She died Feb. 17, 1839, in her 85th year. He was a Captain in patriot army in war of American Revolution. He died Jan. 4, 1819. [See gravestones.]

(88) John, b. Aug. 15, 1738.

(89) Hannah, b. Feb. 19, 1740; m. Feb. 8, 1757, Thomas Chase, of Freetown.

(90) Henry, b. Sept. 9, 1741.

(91) Stephen, b. July 8, 1743; m. Phebe ——. She died May 29, 1787. He died Dec. 20, 1799. Hannah, the mother, died Sunday morning, Feb. 7, 1745. [Gravestone.]

By second wife, Mary Rounsevill, had:

(92) Philip, b. 17—; m Mary Myrick.

(93) Peter, b. 17—.

(94) Mary, b. 17—; m. 1768, Solomon Paine, Freetown.

(95) William, b. May 21, 1754; m. Nov. 4, 1779, Sarah Caswell, of Taunton. He d. April 18, 1827. She d. Aug. 15, 1846. He was a soldier in the patriot army of the Revolution, and subsequently commissioned Lieutenant in the local militia of Taunton, May 17, 1792.

Melatiah Hathaway and wife Anna Hoskins† (No. 28) had:

(96) Melatiah, b. Sept. 14, 1732; m. Judith Peirce, of

* The writer's father (the late Ebenezer Peirce, Esq.) was christened John, and continued to bear that name until the death of his uncle, Ebenezer Peirce (No. 86), when his name was changed to Ebenezer. The writer thus came by his christian-name, one he never liked at all, but long since resolved to get along with and make the best of. If I was at all superstitious, I should think it an omen of evil, for the Ebenezers of the family have been unusually subject to casualties, mishaps and misfortunes.

† After the death of Anna, Melatiah Hathaway for a second wife married Sarah Hathaway, of Freetown. Anna, the first wife, must have died sometime before Feb.

Middleboro', now Lakeville. He was a Lieut. of the local militia of Dartmouth, and a member of Constitutional Convention, 1780. He d. Jan. 8, 1808, aged 75 years, 3 mos. and 25 days. She d. Nov. 6, 1824, aged 88 years, 7 mos. and 13 days. [Gravestones.]

(97) Job, b. 1736; m. Betsey Chase. He d. Feb. 11, 1796. [Gravestones.]

(98) James, b. Oct. 28, 1737; m. Abigail Peirce, of Spencer, Mass. He was Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety in 1783, Selectman of Spencer in 1785 and '87, represented that town in the General Court seven years, member of State Convention in 1788. He d. April, 1817, aged 79 years, 5 mos. She d. Oct. 21, 1822, aged 80 years, 9 mos. 19 days. [Gravestones.]

(99) Sylvanus, b. ——; m. —— Bushee. [Tradition.]

(100) Seth, b. ——; m. Jan. 13, 1771, Welthea Howland, a daughter of Joshua Howland.

(101) Anna, b. ——; m. Oct. 31, 1771, Silas Peirce, of Middleboro', now Lakeville. He d. May 1, 1816. [Gravestones.]

(102) Mercy, b. ——; m. 1765, John White, of Freetown. He was Sergeant of Capt. Levi Rounsevill's Co. of

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23, 1756, as at that date Rachel Haskins (a single woman who had been a servant of Melatiah Hathaway while a widower) gave birth to an illegitimate child, that she swore was begotten by her former employer, Melatiah Hathaway, and for this act of fornication Rachel was sentenced by the county court to be publicly whipped. The child took the surname of its reputed father, and became a minister of the Calvinistic Baptist denomination, next changed to "*Christian*," and finally Swedenborgian. Philip, for that was the child's name, died in Freetown, June 14, 1839, was interred in the ancient cemetery, a little south of Assonet Village, and his grave is marked by a marble slab bearing an inscription.

Rev. Philip Hathaway (or Hathway, as he used to write the surname) was united in marriage with Abiah Ashley, a daughter of Williams Ashley and Elizabeth his wife, and the oldest son of Rev. Philip and wife Abiah was christened Noah. This Noah, when a single man, was charged by a single woman, viz., Sarah Porter, of Freetown, with being the father of her bastard child, that she named Noah Porter Hathaway. Noah Porter Hathaway married Nancy Payne, of Freetown, and one of their daughters, a married woman, has had the shameless audacity to state publicly that one or more of her children were begotten by a man not her husband; and thus are we assured of the truth of the adage, "*Blood will tell.*" Does, or does not, history repeat itself?

"Minute Men" that responded to the first call, now known as *Lexington Alarm;* and also Sergeant of Capt. Rounsevill's Co. in the Continental Army. Tradition says that Mrs. White one night discovered a tory passing the house, who had been sentenced to remain at home and not to go off his farm; and taking down her husband's loaded gun, she went to the door and discharged the piece at the tory, and thus frightened him into a future compliance with the order. Lieut. Abraham Ashley was the tory's name.

Shadrach Peirce and wife Abigail Hoskins (No. 29) had:

(103) Sarah, b. Feb. 1, 1738 (or five months and sixteen days after her parents were married); m. Sept. 14, 1757, George Peirce, of Middleboro'. He died July 17, 1774. She died April 20, 1778, or about three years and nine months after her husband; yet had she given birth to an illegitimate child, Oct. 16, 1776, or two years and three months after his decease, and which act tradition says that she bitterly repented of, going so far as to express her desire to be buried at the feet of her husband, as she thought herself unworthy to lie even in the grave at his side.

(104) Levi, b. Feb. 26, 1739; was a soldier in the French and Indian War; m. Feb. 11, 1761, Bathsheba Babbett, of Middleboro', Mass. Removed to Spencer, in Worcester County, and from thence to Peru, in Berkshire county. He died Jan. 1, 1826. She died Aug. 31, 1830.

(105) Abigail, b. Jan. 2, 1742; m. James Hathaway, of Spencer, a son of Melatiah Hathaway and wife Anna Hoskins, and hence her first cousin. He died April, 1817. She died Oct. 21, 1822.

(106) Lydia, b. Sept. 30, 1745; m. Jan. 27, 1763, Lieut. John Howland, of Brookfield, Mass. He was an officer in the patriot army of Revolution. His first commission in that army was that of Ensign.

Lieut. John died Jan. 13, 1810.

(107) Shadrach, b. 1750; m. Anna Bridges. He was a soldier in the patriot army in the War of Revolution. He died in 1832. Lived in Spencer, Mass. Drew a pension.

Dea. William Hoar and wife Sarah Hoskins (No. 30) had:

(108) Rebecca, b. Oct. 12, 1746; m. William Rounsevill, of East Freetown. She d. Dec. 13, 1774. He d. Sept. —, 1797. (Gravestones.)

(109) Mary, b. Dec. 28, 1747; m. Aug. —, 1768, Lieut. Ezra Clark, of Middleboro', now Lakeville. Of the "Beach Woods" company he was commissioned in 1787 as Lieut.

(110) Judith, m. Aug. 18, 1768, Isaac Hathaway, of Freetown. He was a son of Nicholas Hathaway and wife Rebecca Merrick.

(111) Sarah, m. Isaac Hill, of Lisle, Broome county, N. Y. (Tradition.)

(112) Braddock, b. 1756; m. twice: first, July 27, 1786, Sarah Valentine, a daughter of John Valentine, of Middleboro', now Lakeville. She died, and he m. second, Charity Snow, of Rochester. He was a soldier in the patriot army of American Revolution, and, tradition informs, was captured by the enemy, and for a time held as a prisoner.

(113) Anna, m. Noah Clark, Esq., of Middleboro', now Lakeville. She d. Jan. 18, 1839. He d. Oct. 25, 1830.

(114) William, b. 1762; m. Catharine Brown. He d. Oct. 27, 1827. She d. March, 1854. (See gravestones in Caswell burial ground, East Taunton.)

(115) Abigail, b. 1767; m. Noah Ashley, of East Freetown. She d. April 12, 1792, and he m. Lavinia Howland, a daughter of John Howland and wife Abigail Peirce.

(116) Luther, m. Betsey Hoar. Of 7th Co. of the militia of Middleboro', now Lakeville (Beach Wood Co. so called), he was commissioned, June 12, 1789, as Ensign; James Peirce being Captain, and Leonard Hinds Lieut.,

and in the regiment of which Israel Fearing, of Wareham, was Colonel.

(117) Lorana, d. at the age of 4 years.

Deacon William Hoar, the parent, used to tend a grist mill in that part of Middleboro', now Lakeville, called Beach Woods. He was deacon of the Calvinistic Baptist church, whose place of worship was near; and in the mill race, just below the wheel of the deacon's mill, the ordinance of baptism by immersion used sometimes to be administered. One of the oldest inhabitants, now residing in that section of the country, once told the writer that he in boyhood witnessed these exercises, and had known a grist ground on Sundays that the amount of water might be increased below the wheel; having, as evidently they did, a keen eye to availing themselves of all the uses to which the water could be applied. Whether the deacon gave his chief attention to the ordinance of baptism as a means of grace, or to the grinding of the grist, our informant did not state. Why they did not make use of the water in the pond above the wheel, I never could determine, unless, like the pool of Siloam, that to be a means of healing had to be troubled, so, perhaps, in the minds of these Baptists, this ordinance to be effectual must be performed in a running stream, and no still or stagnant water would answer the purpose.

Stephen Hoskins (No. 31) and wife Mary —— had:

(118) Stephen.

(119) John.

(120) Jacob.

(121) Abigail, m. Seth Tisdale.

Stephen, the parent, made a will, June 9, 1787, in which he named wife Mary, and sons Stephen, John and Jacob, and daughter Abigail, the wife of Seth Tisdale. Record of the will of Stephen Hoskins may be found in the probate office at Taunton, Mass.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN and wife LYDIA HASKINS (No. 48).

Concerning the connection existing between the Haskins family and Abraham Lincoln, late President of the United States, that tradition has set afloat and which has been carried as on the wings of the wind to the remote corners of earth and wherever a Haskins exists, I will now state that at the first I was inclined to put some confidence in the statement, from the fact that having seen and conversed with President Lincoln, I discovered in his bodily form much of the original or at least *olden* type as described to me by those best acquainted with the Haskins family in Massachusetts a century ago. The writer's great-grandmother on the *paternal* side was a Hoskins, or what is now generally called Haskins, and my grandfather in form and feature, I have been told, took strongly from the maternal side. He, like Mr. Lincoln, was tall and bony, long limbed, gaunt, and withal awkward and good-natured, enjoying fun even at the sacrifice of his proper dignity, and a good joke though perpetrated to his own expense.

Then, as I progressed in my researches (of the county records in the offices of the Registry of Probate and of Deeds), the statements of the tradition were so uniformly and strongly verified that for a time my confidence was increased and my belief strengthened.

It is an old adage, and one that when put in practice often demolishes tradition, viz., "figures won't lie;" and when the test of figures had been duly applied, I confess that much of my former confidence forsook me, and I am forced to the conclusion either that the biographers of President Lincoln are in an error in the date they have fixed upon for his grandfather's settlement in Pennsylvania, or else Abraham Lincoln of Taunton and subsequently of Freetown, and Lydia his wife, were not the ancestors of the martyr President of these United States.

That an Abraham Lincoln of Taunton did become the

husband of Lydia, a daughter of Joshua Hoskins of that town, is established beyond any reasonable doubt, from the fact that said Joshua Hoskins, in his last will and testament, dated Jan 1, 1772, made a provision for his daughter Lydia, who he therein described as the wife of Abraham Lincoln; and under date of March 10, 1775, Abraham Lincoln, of Taunton, exchanged a piece of land with George Godfrey, Esq. (afterward Brigadier General Godfrey), the deed of exchange being on record in the Registry of Deeds at Taunton. Under date of Feb. 19, 1777, this Abraham Lincoln purchased of Oliver Danforth a piece of cedar swamp that seems to have been on the dividing line between the towns of Taunton and Norton, and lying partly in each.

March 14, 1794, the same Abraham Lincoln bought of Thomas Lee 66 acres of land lying in what was then Freetown, now Fall River, and there, probably, he went to reside, as on the 29th of April, 1797, in a mortgage deed of these premises, made to Thomas Lee, he is called Abraham Lincoln, of Freetown; and Lydia, his wife, also signed the deed. This farm in Freetown subsequently became the property of the Lees, but at what date the record fails to show, probably, however, a little before 1800, or some 78 years since, when tradition says that Abraham Lincoln went to a more southerly part of the United States and was identical with the earliest ancestor of President Lincoln named by his biographers.

Had this selling out in Massachusetts occurred twenty or thirty years earlier than it did, then might we feel a good degree of confidence in the truth of the theory upon which the tradition is based, for it would have at least seemed more plausible if no more true. The life of President Lincoln, written by Henry J. Raymond, says, "The ancestors of Abraham Lincoln were of English descent; and although they are believed to have originally emigrated to this country with the followers of William Penn, it is difficult to trace them farther back than to their place of residence in Berks

County, Pennsylvania, whence a part of the family removed in 1750 to that section of Virginia now known as Rockingham County." "Thirty years later, Abraham Lincoln, the grandfather of our late President, finding civilization crowding him too closely, and possibly enticed by the stories which came back to the frontier settlements from that famous pioneer, Daniel Boone, but undeterred by the dangers which he knew he must inevitably encounter, determined to make another bold push westward, and settled on Floyd's Creek, in Kentucky, in what is now known as Bullitt County.

"Hardly had he secured a home for his little family, when he was fatally shot by an Indian who came upon him stealthily while he was at work some distance from his log cabin."

That the family or a part of it, in 1750, removed from Berks Co., Pennsylvania, to Rockingham Co., Virginia, is doubtless *purely traditional*, and may be regarded as true or it may not, as traditions, which are shaky at the best, are generally very unreliable in point of dates.

"Thirty years later," viz. 1780, Abraham Lincoln is said to have emigrated to Bullitt Co., Kentucky, and that date our reason dictates us to believe may have been correct, or nearly so. Now had Abraham Lincoln, of Taunton, and subsequently of Freetown, sold out and gone to a remote part of the country in 1780 or thereabouts, instead of 1798, I for one should still be strong in the belief that he was identical with the person of that name who fell from the fatal shot of the stealthy savage; but the term of eighteen years is much too long a time, and the difference is almost or quite irreconcilable. I do not wish to be understood as saying that I discard the tradition, for the biographer of President Lincoln may be in an error, as probably he never gave a tenth part of the time and labor to his investigations upon the result of which his statement is made, as the writer of this book has devoted to tracing the evidence *pro* and *con*

concerning Abraham Lincoln and wife Lydia Haskins, and the tradition that they were the grandparents of the sixteenth President of the United States.

Abiel Hoskins (No. 54) and wife Lydia Briggs had:

(122) Lydia, m. Oct. 10, 1782, Ebenezer Read, of Taunton. (Berkley Records.)

(123) Abiel, m. first, —— Lincoln, of Dighton. She d. and he m. Dec. 7, 1789, Sarah Pain.

(124) Polly, m. May 20, 1790, Roger Paul.

(125) Sally, m. Dec. 8, 1796, Gilbert Tripp, of New Bedford. (Town Records of Berkley.)

(126) Abigail, m. no one. Died when about 20.

(127) Isaac, b. 17—; m. twice: first, Nov. 14, 1799, Priscilla Tripp; second, Sally French, of Berkley, Sept. 8, 1805. (Berkley Records.)

By second wife Ruth Read Allen had:

(128) Ruth, m. Nov. 1, 1804, James French, of Berkley. (Town Records of Berkley.)

(129) Merriam, b. 1779; m. Samuel Chase, of Berkley. She d. Jan. 15, 1845.

(130) Ephraim, m. no one; died young.

(131) Richmond, m. no one; died young.

(132) Alexander, m. no one; died young.

(133) Cyrus, b. May 16, 1791; m. Oct. 29, 1815, Catharine Howland, of Freetown. She was a daughter of George Howland, of Freetown, and wife Deborah Shaw (see page 121 of this book). This aged couple, both being in their eighty-fourth year, still live on the farm and in the house in which he was born; and it was in the room in which his eyes first saw the light that he communicated to the writer of this work many facts pertaining to the history of the Haskins family.

(134) Abiel, m. Lydia Smith, of Freetown. (Tradition.)

(135) Daniel, m. no one; died when 21 years of age. (Tradition.)

JOSHUA HOSKINS (No. 55) and wife HANNAH MYRICK had:

(136) Enoch, b. in Taunton, Nov. 6, 1778; m. Phebe Weeks. He d. July 21, 1863. She d. Sept. 21, 1853. Commissioned, April 14, 1817, Captain of 2d company of the local militia in Middleboro'; honorably discharged at the disbandment of that company, Jan. 20, 1818.* That company was formed in or about 1720, and existed about 98 years.

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* Captains of the 2d company of local militia in the town of Middleboro', and also the dates of their commissions, so far as the knowledge of the same has come to the writer of this book:

Ichabod Southworth, from in or about 1720; Nathaniel Southworth; Ebenezer Morton; Nathaniel Smith, from July 23, 1754, to 1762; Gideon Southworth, from Oct. 27, 1762, to 1772; Robert Sprout, from June 12, 1772, to 1774; Nathaniel Smith, from Oct. 10, 1774, and he was probably in commission as Captain of this company on the occasion of the "Lexington Alarm," April 19, 1775, but neither he, nor Nehemiah Allen, his Lieutenant, nor Samuel Barrows, his Ensign, appeared with the company in response to the country's "first call" of distress, and doubtless were all dismissed from their offices by an act of the Massachusetts legislature that took effect Sept. 19, 1775. At the "Lexington Alarm," by returns on the official files in the State House, Boston, it still appears that this 2d company responded under Abiel Peirce, a veteran Captain of the French and Indian War, whose Lieutenants were Joseph Macomber and Benjamin Darling. For a complete roll of those who then responded, see page 62 of book entitled "Peirce Family of Old Colony." Lieut. Nehemiah Allen was commissioned Captain, May 9, 1776; John Barrows, April 8, 1778; Abner Bourne, June 2, 1780; Ezra Harlow, July 1, 1781; George Vaughan, April 12, 1790; Peter Hoar, from June 6, 1793, until promoted to Major, Jan. 4, 1797; Jabez Thomas, Jan. 25, 1797; John Morton, May 7, 1799; Sylvanus Tillson, May 4, 1802; Nathaniel Cole, May 7, 1805; Abner Barrows, Jr., July 27, 1807; Ephraim Ward, from to 1814, when promoted to Major; Peter Hoar Peirce, from Feb. 18, 1814, to 1816, when promoted to Major. He was a nephew of Capt. Abial Peirce, who led the company at the first battle of the Revolution, and to Peter H. Peirce was accorded the honor to command it as a part of the "coast guard" in the last war with England. For roll of this company in that service, see pages 368 and 369 of the book entitled "Peirce Family of Old Colony." Orrin Tinkham, from Sept. 10, 1816; Enoch Haskins, from April 14, 1817, to disbandment, Jan. 20, 1818. The geographical limits of this company took in the four corners village, and extended about two miles into what is now Lakeville. It was disbanded to allow the raising of a volunteer company called the "Middleboro' Grenadiers," of which Isaac Stevens was the first Captain, Lorenzo Wood, Licutenant, and Sylvanus Barrows, Ensign. It was in that GRENADIER COMPANY that the writer of this book was first enrolled as a soldier in the active militia of this commonwealth, my volunteer enlistment into which was on the 10th day of December, 1841, and where as a private soldier I remained until commissioned Quarter-master of the Fourth Regiment of Artillery, Aug. 7, 1844.

(137) Lucinda, b. in Middleboro', now Lakeville, Oct. 10, 1780; m. March 20, 1803, Thomas Southworth. She d. March 5, 1832. He died June 19, 1867. He was b. May 8, 1776, and was a son of Gideon Southworth.

(138) Joshua, b. in Middleboro', now Lakeville, Jan. 5, 1784; m. twice: first, Serena Robinson; second, Rebecca Clark. He d. Aug. 31, 1849; was appointed a Justice of Peace for Plymouth county, April 24, 1832.

(139) Myrick, b. in Middleboro', now Lakeville, Nov. 13, 1786; m. Polly ———.

(140) Andrew, b. July 16, 1789; m. twice: first, Lydia B. Kinsley; second, Susanna Kinsley. He d. Oct. 26, 1855. His first wife d. Jan. 4, 1841.

(141) Levi, b. March 28, 1794; m. Mary Sampson, of Middleboro', now Lakeville. He d. April —, 1862; held a Lieutenant's commission on the staff of Col. Ephraim Ward. By trade a shoemaker; was also a farmer.

(142) Apollos, b. Nov. 24, 1796; m. Amelia Leonard. He d. April 10, 1865. He was a Justice of Peace for Plymouth county. Appointed March 31, 1846, Drum Major of 4th regiment in local militia of Plymouth county, on the staff of Col. Benjamin P. Wood, of Middleboro'. Farmer.

Joshua Hoskins, the parent, was born in East Taunton, March 26, 1755. Hannah Myrick, his wife, was born in Berkley, Aug. 17, 1757. He removed to Middleboro'.

Elijah Hoskins (No. 56) and wife Hannah Richmond had:

(143) Eber, b. Aug. —, 1778; m. no one; d. Dec. 31, 1869, aged 91 years.

(144) Christiana, m. Charles Johnson.

(145) Hannah, m. William Johnson.

(146) Samuel, b. April, 1802; m. Lydia Gifford. He d. Sept. 2, 1850, aged 48 years, 4 months and 28 days. Was a Representative to the General Court in Boston one

session. A practical surveyor and engineer. Thanks due to Mrs. Lydia Haskins for information.

Elijah, the parent, was blind for several years, and the writer of this genealogy, when a child, saw this aged, blind man led by the hand, and was the first blind person he ever saw.

John Hoskins (No. 57) and wife Ruth Caswell had:

(147) Rebecca, m. June 4, 1801, Clothier Pearce, of East Taunton. He d. Sept. 23, 1854, aged 73 years, 5 months and 11 days. She d. Dec. 13, 1869. (See gravestones.)

(148) Bathsheba, m. July 18, 1805, Thomas Terry, of Freetown. They lived together about 35 years and separated, and he went to Genesee county, N. Y. She died in Lakeville, May, 1855. He was a son of Joseph Terry.

(149) John, m. Dec. 8, 1810, Polly Harvey, of Taunton, daughter of James Harvey and wife Bethana Hoskins.

(150) Simeon, b. 1792; m. May 29, 1817, Hannah, a daughter of Abraham Peirce, of Lakeville. Simeon d. Feb. 25, 1851. Hannah d. March 21, 1868. She was b. Nov. 28, 1790. (See gravestones.)

(151) Richmond, b. Dec. 8, 1797; m. Oct. 5, 1826, Nancy Wade, of East Taunton. He d. Nov. 27, 1857. (See Freetown Records and gravestones.)

(152) Ruth, b. Sept. 8, 1799; m. James Wade, of East Taunton. He is a blacksmith.

Henry Hoskins (No. 58) and wife Abigail Townsend had:

(153) Nathaniel, m. Experience Holloway, of Middleboro', now Lakeville.

(154) Gilbert, m. Lydia Read, of Middleboro', now Lakeville. Both are dead.

(155) Henry, b. July 26, 1793; m. May 29, 1817, Abigail Richmond, of Middleboro'. He d. Feb. 14, 1853,

aged 59 years, 6 months and 19 days. She d. June 14, 1853. (See gravestones.)

(156) Edward, b. Jan. 28, 1796; m. March 23, 1823, Fanny Pearce, of Taunton. They were cousins.

(157) Abigail, m. Capt. Apollos Read, of Middleboro', now Lakeville. Of the 7th company* in Middleboro', "Beach Woods" company so called, he was commissioned, May 7, 1816, as Lieutenant, Ethan Peirce being Captain, and Elias Parris, Ensign; promoted to Captain, 182–, with John Strobridge, Lieutenant, and Samuel Hoar, Ensign. This company belonged to the 4th regiment in 2d brigade, 5th division, Massachusetts Militia. The regiment being commanded by Col. Ephraim Ward, of Middleboro', now Lakeville; the brigade by Brigadier General Abiel Washburn, of Middleboro', and the division by Major General Nathaniel Goodwin, of Plymouth.

Capt. Amos Washburn was a son of Edward Washburn and wife Elizabeth Snell, grandson of James Washburn and wife Mary Bowden, great-grandson of John Washburn and wife Experience Mitchell.

On the occasion of the great alarm in 1778, caused by the landing of the British soldiers in Dartmouth, now New Bedford, and their attempt to burn the village of Fairhaven (Sept. 17, 1778), Capt. Amos Washburn and the company

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* This 7th company was formed during the War of the American Revolution, and Henry Peirce commissioned Captain. His successors in that office, and the dates of their commissions, were as follows: James Peirce, July 17, 1787; Abanoam Hinds, Aug. 15, 1796; Elkanah Peirce, May 4, 1802; Dr. Elisha Briggs, Sept. 29, 1806; Sylvanus Parris, March 20, 1811; Ethan Peirce, June 6, 1815; Apollos Read, . 182–; John Strobridge, May 19, 1827; Samuel Hoar, from June 6, 1829, to May 30, 1831; Silas P. Ashley, Aug. 15, 1831. After May 30, 1830, this company also embraced what had been the 4th company in Middleboro', sometimes called the "Pond Company." By the election of Silas P. Ashley, Aug. 15, 1831, Lieut. John W. Canedy was superseded, and vacated his position Sept. 10, 1831, and that place was filled Oct. 7, 1831, by the election of Abraham Peirce. This company was disbanded by legislative enactment, April 24, 1840. Existed about sixty years. Had no Captain after Silas P. Ashley, although not disbanded until some two or three years after he resigned. Lieut. Abraham Peirce was therefore its last commander.

of local militia under his command responded to the call and promptly repaired to the scene of action. He was then captain of the fourth company* of local militia in Middleboro', the geographical limits of which company are now nearly all in Lakeville.

The following is a true list of the officers and soldiers of that company who responded to that call, copied by the writer of this book from the official returns on file in the office of the Secretary of State, Boston.

Amos Washburn, *Captain.* Elisha Haskell, *Lieutenant.* Andrew McCully, *Second Lieutenant. Sergeants,* Samuel Nelson, Job Townsend, Robert Strobridge and Abraham Shaw. *Corporals,* James Pickens and Josiah Jones. *Private Soldiers,* John Townsend, Job Howland, John Peirce, John Blye, Andrew Perkins, Henry Strobridge, Ebenezer Briggs, Thomas Nelson, Roger Haskell, Zebulon Haskell, David Lewis, Silas Peirce, Jonathan Phinney, Benjamin Smith, Zephaniah Briggs, Darling Shaw, Andrew Cole, Noah Clark, Nathan Peirce, John Blye, Jr., Wm. Blye, Crispus Shaw, Thomas Wood, Thomas Pickens, Alexander Pickens, John Pickens, Wm. Pickens, Andrew Pickens, Jr., William Strobridge, Hugh Montgomery, Solomon Dunham, John Jones, George Hackett, Nathaniel Thompson, John Samson, Samuel Pickens, Joseph Macomber, John Macomber, Samuel Macomber, Abner Townsend, Nathaniel Shaw and Thomas Pickens. Commissioned officers, 3. Non-commissioned, 6. Privates, 42. Total, 51.

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* This company was formed in or near 1746, and continued to exist until May 30, 1830, or a period of about eighty-five years. Captains — Joseph Leonard, William Canedy, Jr., Job Peirce, May 9, 1776, Amos Washburn, 1778, Abraham Shaw, July 1, 1781, John Smith, July 17, 1787, Ebenezer Briggs, Jr., Aug. 4, 1794, Elias Sampson, Aug. 31, 1801, Daniel Smith, May 5, 1807, Ebenezer Pickens, Sept. 21, 1810, David Sherman, May 2, 1814, Abiel M. Sampson, Oct. 17, 1820, Richard B. Foster, April 28, 1827, Horatio G. Clark, July 19, 1828, James Pickens, May 29, 1829, to May 30, 1830, when the company was disbanded and the non-commissioned officers and privates made a part of the "Beech Woods" company, under Capt. Samuel Hoar.

Capt. Amos Washburn and wife Prudence Hoskins (No. 59) had:

(158) Betsey, b. 1763; m. no one; d. April 12, 1845, aged 82 years. (Gravestones in Lakeville.)

(159) James, b. 1767; m. no one; d. Nov. 19, 1815. Was a lawyer, and was in practice at New Bedford.

(160) Phebe, b. 1769; m. no one; d. Aug. 26, 1844. (See gravestones in Lakeville.)

(161) Olive, b. 1772; m. no one; d. July 30, 1847, aged 75 years. (Gravestones in Lakeville.)

(162) Amos, b. 1774; m. no one; d. Aug. 4, 1853, aged 79 years. He was a Justice of the Peace.

(163) Luther, b. 1777; m. Hannah Terry; d. Jan. 25, 1856. She d. Oct. 26, 1853. (Gravestones.)

(164) Joshua, b. 1779; m. no one; d. May 2, 1818.

(165) Prudence, b. 1781; m. no one; d. Dec. 28, 1868.

In this family of eight children, only one married; and James Washburn, the lawyer, remarked that it resembled the kingdom of heaven in that they neither married or were given in marriage.

Abraham Pearce and wife Lydia Haskins (No. 60) had:

(166) Simeon, m. Hope Peirce, of Middleboro', now Lakeville. She was a daughter of Silas Peirce and wife Anna Hathaway, and b. Feb. 2, 1772. She d. May 6, 1859. He d. Nov. 17, 1859. (See gravestones near Myrickville, East Taunton.)

(167) Abraham, m. Sept. 9, 1802, Phebe, a daughter of Lieut. William Hoskins, of East Taunton. She was b. May 9, 1785.

(168) Clothier, b. April 12, 1780; m. June 4, 1801, Rebecca, a daughter of John Hoskins, of East Taunton. Clothier d. Sept. 23, 1854. His wife d. Dec. 13, 1869. (See gravestones.) Resided in Freetown.

(169) Gilbert, resided in South Middleboro', near the old muster field, called "Muxom Ground." He m. ——.

(170) Elijah, m. April 16, 1807, Sarah, a daughter of Lieut. William Hoskins, of East Taunton. She was b. March 18, 1789, and d. Jan. 30, 1841. He owned and occupied a farm in Fall River, the present home of Rodolphus Allen; sold and removed to Little Compton, R. I.; m. second, —— Grinnell. She died, and he m. ——.

(171) Hope.

(172) Chloe, m. John Winslow, of Freetown, and for a second husband she m. June 25, 1795, Joseph Terry, of Freetown. He was a son of Joseph Terry and wife Mary Thurston, grandson of Lieut. Col. Abiel Terry, great-grandson of Thomas Terry, Esq., and great-great-grandson of Lieut. Thomas Terry, all of Freetown.

(173) Lydia, m. Edward Smith, of Freetown. He was a son of Dea. Abner Smith and wife Deliverance Cudworth, grandson of Benjamin Smith and wife Abigail Cudworth.

The name of Abraham the parent is spelled Pearce instead of Peirce or Pierce, because he was of the Rhode Island branch of the family, that spelled the surname differently from the Old Colony Peirces or Massachusetts Pierces.

Amos Briggs and wife Welthea Haskins (No. 62) had:

(174) Welthea.

(175) Amos, m. Nov. 7, 1797, Sibyl Hathaway, of Freetown.

(176) Warden, m. Sept. 4, 1800, Phebe Macomber.

(177) Judson, b. 1780; d. Oct. 15, 1845, in his 65th year. (See gravestones.) He was a brick and stone mason.

(178) Isaac, d. young. (Tradition.)

(179) Deborah, m. Noah Hathaway. (Tradition.)

Jonathan Harvey and wife Abigail Haskins (No. 63) had a family of children, whose names I collected, but the

manuscript was lost in being transmitted to the printer, and I have not the ready means to replace it, and so must omit the account.

James Harvey and wife Bethana Haskins (No. 64) had:

(180) Luther, never married; died or lost at sea.

(181) Polly, m. Dec. 8, 1810, John Haskins.

(182) Chloe, m. Robert Robinson, of Hingham. He committed suicide. Resided for a time in Freetown. He served twelve days in the coast guard at New Bedford in 1814.

(183) Bethana, m. Peter Staples.

(184) Betsey, m. —— King.

(185) James, m. three times: first, Eunice Briggs. She died, and he married second, ——.

(186) Jonathan, m. twice: first, Mary ——. She d. June 25, 1835. (See grave-stones.)

James Harvey, the parent, left his wife and went to a distant part of the country.

Charity Haskins (No. 65), daughter of Abiel Haskins (No. 22), was born in or about 1754, and married Seth Anthony, instead of Paul Anthony, as was stated on page 148 of this book. They removed to Kortwright in the State of New York, where he appears to have become poor; he and his wife separated, remaining apart till his last sickness, that terminated in death Sept. 20, 1827. It cost the writer of this genealogy considerable time, travel and effort to obtain this meagre account of Seth Anthony and wife Charity Haskins, and sometimes he has felt that the pursuit of such knowledge was attended with so much difficulty as to excuse further labor in its attainment; but calling to mind the old Latin proverb my school-teacher gave me as a motto when quite a young boy, I repeated, "*Labor omnia vincit*," and struggled on.

Tradition had already misled me, and trusting to which I had stated, on page 148, that Charity Haskins (No. 65)

married Paul Anthony. Now Paul was in his life-time so notorious as not to have been forgotten. Not remembered for anything good or great that he had done, but for the silly act of trying to fly by the aid of a pair of wings that he constructed of thoroughly seasoned cedar, and to obtain the material for which, sought the oldest fence-rails from Cotley to Algerine Street, Pole Plain to Beech Woods, Skunk Hill and Squawbetty, and of these, carefully culled, he collected, in the faith of mounting "up on wings as eagles," yea, the "American Eagle" of that old-fashioned stereotyped Fourth of July toast that always soared "high in the air," or, perhaps, like his illustrious namesake, to the third heavens, where things are spoken that for the inhabitants of this earth it is not lawful to utter. If these were his hopes, how great must have been his disappointment, for he came quickly and ingloriously down, falling unceremoniously and heavily in a barn-yard among beasts that neighed, brayed and bawled, swine that squealed, and fowls that squawled, their surprise, that with the groans of the bruised aeronaut, made the jargon and discord of a pandemonium, or as if all bedlam were let loose. All this I learned that *did* NOT pertain to my subject in the unsuccessful effort to obtain some facts that *did*, and when well nigh discouraged, it occurred to my mind to seek the assistance of Mrs. Lydia Haskins, of Myrickville, in the hope that some of the oft repeated stories of her husband's father, still lingering in her memory, might meet my wants, and aid in the attainment of a knowledge, that, like a coy maid, continually eluded my grasp. Mrs. Haskins quickly corrected the mistake by assuring me that it was Seth Anthony, instead of Paul, who married Charity, a sister of her husband's father, and to make her assurance doubly sure, produced a package of old letters from the parties themselves, bearing dates ranging from 55 to 46 years ago. These letters were addressed to Elijah Haskins (No. 56), and by his son's wife, Mrs. Lydia Haskins, had been preserved, thus to bring

light out of what seemed impenetrable darkness. The perusal of these letters convinced me that Seth Anthony and wife had quite a number of children that lived to marry and be comfortably settled in life, but did not give their names with that clearness that would enable me to arrange them in the order of their births, and hence we forbear to attempt the furnishing of further particulars concerning them.

Capt. Jacob Haskins (No. 87) and wife Mercy Pitts had:

(187) Hannah, b. 1774; m. Feb. 7, 1792, Enos Burt, Esq., of Berkley. He d. April 4, 1822. She d. May 11, 1843, in her 69th year. (Gravestones in Berkley.)

(188) Elizabeth, m. Thomas Danforth, of Norton.

Jacob, the parent, made a will, Aug. 29, 1814; named daughters Hannah and Elizabeth, and granddaughter Elizabeth Danforth. (See Probate Records.)

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* Jacob Haskins was a Captain in the patriot army in the war of American Revolution. He resided in Taunton, southerly part, very near the line of Berkley. He died Jan. 4, 1819. Mercy, his wife, died Feb. 17, 1839. Both have suitable gravestones in the cemetery near Berkley Common. The house in which he resided is now (1874) standing.

Captain Jacob Haskins's company, in Colonel John Jacobs's regiment, enlisted into the service of the United States of America for the full term of one year, commencing Jan. 1, 1778. Jacob Haskins, of Taunton, *Captain*. *Lieutenants*, Noah Pratt, Jacob French, Matthias McFornan and Jonathan Fletcher. *Sergeants*, Aaron Turner, of Freetown, John Lawrence, Jesse Ellis, Peter Smith, Benjamin Fuller and Elijah Jones. *Corporals*, Jonas Humphrey, Daniel Chickering, Parker Earle, Increase Pond, Samuel Cushing and Daniel Cook. *Private Soldiers*, John Smith, Jonathan Boyden, Samuel Cudworth, Moses Fales, Fisher Hartshorn, James Smith, Christopher Smith, Asa Holbrook, Zach. Bimbo, Samuel Williams, Enoch Darling, Jeremiah Crocker, Wm. Fuller, Joseph ———, Titus Metcalf, Joel Fairbank, Simpson Jones, Jeremiah Daniels, Roger Smith, Titus Smith, Zimri Cleveland, Warrick Greene, Luther Bullard, Abraham Crowley, Isaac Dogget, Wm. Horton, Lemuel Herrin, Silas Morse, Wm. Seaver, Ellis Whiting, Moses Daggett, Michael Clark, Benjamin ———, Ephraim Jackson, Samuel Hammond, Thaddeus Stowell, Oliver Guild, Isaac Brown, Nathaniel Draper, Nathan Draper and John Dowce.

Captain Jacob Haskins's company, in Col. John Hathway's regiment, detached from the militia of the Massachusetts State, from the 13th of March to the 15th of April, 1779. Jacob Haskins, *Captain*. Abiel Macomber, *Lieutenant*. Seth Paul, Nathaniel Snell, Perez Drake, John McLouth and Joshua Staple, *Sergeants*. Nathaniel Dean, Edward Dean, Philip Dean and Isaac Hall, *Corporals*. Abiel

Thomas Chase and wife Hannah Hoskins (No. 89) had:

(189) Thomas, b. Feb. 16, 1757; lived single.

(190) Hannah, b. Sept. 28, 1759.

(191) Abigail,* b. May 15, 1761; m. July 17, 1781, John Briggs, of Freetown, son of John Briggs, of Berkley.†

(192) Roba, b. April 4, 1763.

(193) Phylena, b. May 11, 1765.

(194) Judith, b. Aug. 1, 1766.

(195) Henry, b. Nov. 14, 1769; m. no one.

(196) Tryphena, b. 177–; m. —— Haile.

Their first child was born eight days after the parents were married. All these children were born in Berkley, except the last, that was born after the parents removed to the State of New York. Thomas, the parent, was born Oct. 18, 1733, and was a son of Benjamin Chase, 3d, and wife Mary Briggs,‡ grandson of Benjamin Chase, Jr., and wife Mercy Simmons, and great-grandson of Benjamin Chase, "the cooper," of Freetown. John Briggs, that married Abigail (No. 191), was called "John Dollar," to distinguish

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Hayward, *Drummer*. Ebenezer Smith, *Fifer*. *Private Soldiers*, John Burt, Elijah Briggs, George Darby, Abraham Dean, Zebedee Hacket, Joseph Hall, Solomon McLouth, John Phillips, Abel Pain, David Padelford, Elijah Richmond, Elkanah Smith, Laban Smith, James Williams, Jr., Abiel Dean, Nathan Hall, Nehemiah Leonard, Eleazer Wilbur, Israel Jones, Zadock Turner, Elisha Garey, Nathaniel Hall, John Bolton, Peleg Osborn, James Gilmore, John Shaw and Lemuel Briggs.

These rolls of companies, commanded by Capt. Jacob Haskins, were copied by the writer of this family history from the originals on file in the office of the Secretary of State, Boston.

* She was notoriously ugly in her disposition, and quick to take offence.

† This John Briggs, of Berkley, received the nickname and was generally known as "Bear," or "Bear Briggs." He was a son of Amos Briggs and wife Sarah Pain. John (called the Bear) was father to the state prison convict and counterfeiter, Malbone Briggs, who had seven sons convicted of crimes that carried them to the State Prison, and the eighth son committed a highway robbery and escaped punishment by running away.

‡ She was the terrible creature formerly known as "Moll Buck," or "Mary Ben." She is said to have confessed she had committed every sin for which she knew a name, except murder. She was the daughter of Amos Briggs and wife Sarah Pain.

him from others of his name residing in the same town at one and the same time. Lasciviousness has been a strongly marked, if, indeed, not the distinguishing trait of the Chase family for two centuries.

Stephen Hoskins (No. 91) and wife Phebe —— had:

(197) Stephen, m. no one.
(198) Phebe, m. Oct. 2, 1798, Obed Myrick, of Taunton.

Philip Hoskins (No. 92) and wife Mary Myrick had:

(199) Henry, b. July 22, 1776.
(200) Mary, b. July 1, 1778.
(201) Hannah, b. Nov. 23, 1779.
(202) Lydia, b. July 15, 1781.
(203) Philip, b. March 6, 1783.
(204) Olive, b. Feb. 7, 1785.
(205) Hope, b. April 7, 1787.
(206) Elizabeth, b. Feb. 19, 1790.

The names of these children, and dates of their births, were taken from the town records of Berkley.

Solomon Paine and wife Mary Hoskins (No. 94) had:

(207) Hope,* b. June 25, 1774; m. Oct. 1, 1793, George Briggs, of Berkley.

(208) Abraham, b. Feb. 19, 1779; m. 1800, Abigail

* A circumstance, quite unimportant in itself, but occurring in my early childhood as it did, made an indelible impression upon my mind, and served ever after to keep the recollection of that woman vividly in my memory. I could have but recently graduated from my bib and diaper, and still remained in petticoats, when, riding out one day with my father, we stopped at her home, where the family had just finished their dinner, that had in part consisted of green peas and stringed beans, nicely cooked and set upon the table in an old-fashioned brown earthen milk-pan, such as we used to call "Shove's ware," and though the family had eaten their fill, quite a quantity remained, and this old woman, taking me upon her knee, moved up to the table and said: "Would this little boy like some of this dinner?" to which question I readily responded in the affirmative, but added: "I don't love beans, but I do love peas;" when she quickly said, "Well, leave the beans, and help yourself to the peas; don't be bashful, my little man, take right hold and eat as many as you like," and at the same time drawing

Winslow, of Taunton. He d. Jan. 31, 1853. She was a daughter of Job Winslow, of Taunton.

(209) Betsey, b. Nov. 9, 1780; m. 1799, Ephraim Tisdale, of Taunton. She d. June 13, 1843.

(210) Solomon, b. July 2, 1788; m. 1813, Elizabeth Phillips, of Freetown. He was drowned, and she m. Rufus Blossom, of Fall River. He died, and she m. Samuel Robbins, of Lakeville. Rufus Blossom was one of the four male members of the first christian church in Freetown at the date of its formation, May 14, 1807, and a truly pious man.

(211) Henry, b. Oct. 15, 1790; m. 1826, Mary Cartwright, of Fall River. They reside in Freetown.

Solomon Paine, the parent, was a son of Solomon Paine, of Freetown, and wife Lydia Soule, of Tiverton, R. I., grandson of John Pain, of Freetown, and wife Rebecca Davis, and great-grandson of Ralph Pain and wife Dorothy. Solomon Paine and Mary Hoskins were married in 1768. He enlisted as a soldier in the French and Indian War, and upon the rolls of which army, in the archives of the office of the Secretary of State in Boston, his name still stands as a "deserter." One of his grandsons was a deserter from the Union Army in the late war of Rebellion, and is so recorded. And thus "history repeats itself," and "blood will tell."

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the pan of peas and beans within my easy reach. I was too anxious for the peas to wait further ceremony, and as I reached my hand into the dish, I received a sharp reprimand from my father, when my motherly old friend as quickly interposed with, "Yes, yes, let him put his hand right into the victuals, and pick out the peas; yes, indeed, yes, put in both hands, sonny, if you like;" and there I accordingly sat in that old lady's arms, reaching into the milk-pan and selecting and picking out the peas with my fingers, and enjoying the meal so heartily, that, though nearly half a century has since passed, the pleasures of that feast are still fresh in my recollection, and probably will be as long as I live or the faculty of memory remains.

Lieut. William Hoskins (No. 95) and wife Sarah Caswell had:

(212) Gideon, b. Oct. 24, 1780; m. Nov. 4, 1802, Amy Paul, of Berkley. He d. Dec. 7, 1857. She died March 28, 1869. He was commissioned, March 20, 1811, Lieutenant of the 7th company of the local militia in Middleboro' — (Beech Woods Co. so called) — Sylvanus Parris being Captain, and Abiathar Briggs, Ensign. Lieut. Gideon served as an officer in the Coast Guard in the last war with England. His wife was b. Aug. 17, 1782. Lieut. Gideon Haskins was superseded, June 6, 1815, by the election of Ethan Peirce as Captain, in place of Sylvanus Parris resigned and honorably discharged. Lieut. Gideon Haskins resigned, and his place as Lieutenant was filled by the election of Apollos Read, May 7, 1816.

(213) Phebe, b. May 9, 1785; m. September 9, 1802, Abraham Pearce, of Taunton. She died, and he in extreme old age went to the west and there died.

(214) William, b. March 18, 1789; m. Hannah Tinkham, of Fairhaven. He d. Feb. 29, 1864. Of a company of the local militia in Taunton he was commissioned Ensign, Aug. 22, 1820; promoted to Lieutenant, March 9, 1821, and to Captain, March 23, 1825. Justice of Peace for Bristol County, Feb. 3, 1836, and Representative to the General Court, several years.

(215) Sarah, b. March 18, 1789; m. April 16, 1807, Elijah Pearce, of Taunton. She d. Jan. 30, 1841, and he m. second, —— Grinnell, and removed to Little Compton. She died, and he m. third, ———.

William, the parent, was a soldier in the patriot army in the War of Revolution, and on the 17th day of May, 1792, was commissioned Lieutenant of a company of the local militia in Taunton.* His former home is now owned and

* This company was in the 3d Regiment of the 2d Brigade, 5th Division, of the Massachusetts Militia. The names of the Colonels of that Regiment, and the

occupied by his grandson, Mr. Julius C. Haskins, to whom the thanks of the writer are due for much valuable information concerning the Haskins family.

Ebenezer Read and wife Lydia Haskins (No. 122) had:

(216) Mary, b. Sept. 25, 1783; m. Ebenezer Briggs.
(217) Josiah, b. Feb. 4, 1785; m. —— Tripp.
(218) Lydia, b. Jan. 29, 1787; m. Osmond Babbett.
(219) Ebenezer, b. March 8, 1789; m. Polly Chase.
(220) Isaac, b. Jan. 18, 1791; m. Nancy Babbett.
(221) Sally, b. Feb. 15, 1793; m. Lemuel Gay.
(222) Abigail, m. William Tripp.
(223) Deborah, m. Peleg Drew.
(224) Gilbert.
(225) Betsey, m. —— Hathaway.

The facts concerning the family of Ebenezer Read were derived from Town Records and Miss Dorcas Strange.

Roger Paul and wife Polly Haskins (No. 124) had:

(226) Lydia, m. James French, of Berkley. She d. Oct. 14, 1837. [Berkley Records.]

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dates of their commissions, so far as the same have come to my knowledge, were as follows: George Leonard, of Norton; Ephraim Leonard, of Norton; Samuel White, of Taunton; George Leonard, Jr., of Norton; George Godfrey, of Taunton, from 1774 to Feb. —, 1776; George Williams, of Taunton, from Feb. —, 1776; Abiel Mitchell, of Easton, from June 17, 1779; Robert Crossman, of Taunton, from July 1, 1781; Joshua Wilbur, of Taunton, from May 15, 1788; Noah Hall, of Raynham, from March 22, 1792; Gideon Williams, of Taunton, from 1795; Job Winslow, of Dighton, from April 26, 1798; Thomas Lincoln, of Taunton, from 1805, to May 18, 1809; Nathaniel Fales, of Taunton, from Aug. 5, 1809; Israel Dean, 2d, of Taunton, from ——; Edward Crossman, of Taunton, from Sept. 18, 1817; Adoniram Crane, of Berkley, from ——; Cromwell Washburn, of Taunton, from Aug. 20, 1826, to April 18, 1828; Hervey Harnden, of Troy, from May 10, 1828; Russell Wood, of Taunton, from Sept. 23, 1829; Warren Lincoln, of Raynham, from Aug. 13, 1831; Stephen L. White, of Taunton, from June 9, 1832; Pardon Leonard, Jr., of Taunton, from July 2, 1835; Nathaniel S. Mason, of Taunton, from May 13, 1837, to Dec. 13, 1837; Nathan R. Shaw, of Taunton, from Oct. 23, 1838, to April 24, 1840, when the regiment was disbanded by an act of the legislature. This regimental organization continued to exist just about one hundred years, and during that time was commanded by twenty-five different gentlemen who averaged four years each in commission as colonel.

(227) Polly, m. James French, of Berkley.
(228) Sally, m. Lincoln Woodward, of Taunton.
(229) Abigail, m. no one. [Tradition.]
(230) Hannah, m. no one; d. young. [Tradition.]
(231) Abiel; m. no one; drowned. "
(232) William, m. —— Barney. "

Gilbert Tripp and wife Sally Haskins (No. 125) had:

(233) Deborah, m. Henry G. Ricketson.
(234) Pardon, m. Sarah Macomber.
(235) Deborah, b. May 6, 1801; m. Feb. 15, 1824, John Paun. He died in Lakeville. Was a farmer.
(236) Gilbert, d. at age of 2 years.
(237) Laura, m. John Dunham.
(238) Gilbert; m. June 22, 1834, Jane L. Chase, of Berkley. A daughter of Samuel Chase.
(239) Mary, m. Silas Swift.
(240) Amy, m. no one.
(241) Ephraim, m. Bethiah Handy, of Rochester.

Thanks due Mrs. Deborah Paun (No. 235) for information concerning this family.

James French and wife Ruth Haskins (No. 128) had:

(242) Amanda, m. no one. She is a town pauper.
(243) Tisdale, m. no one; d. young. [Tradition.]
(244) Hiram, m. no one; d. young. "
(245) Christopher, m. Aug. 9, 1832, Roena Gavins, of Berkley. [Berkley Town Records.]

Samuel Chase and wife Merriam Haskins (No. 129) had:

(246) Bradford, b. June 18, 1809. [Berkley Records.]
(247) Richmond, b. May 28, 1810; m. Rhoda ——.
(248) Jane L., b. Sept. 10, 1811; m. June 22, 1834, Gilbert Tripp, of Fairhaven. [Berkley Town Records.]

(249) Samuel B., b. April 15, 1813. [Berkley Records.]

(250) Caroline, b. Nov. 14, 1814; m. John Wade, of Middleboro'.

(251) Ruth, b. March 31, 1816; m. Timothy Codding, of Taunton.

(252) Israel, b. Sept. 24, 1817. [Berkley Records.]

(253) George R., b. April 26, 1822; m. Arzelia Richmond, of Freetown.

(254) Albert, b. Oct. 28, 1824; m. Mrs. Rhoda Chase, of Lakeville. He is a blacksmith.

(255) Ephraim, b. Sept. 12, 1827; m. —— Read, of Westport.

Samuel, the parent, was b. Feb. 16, 1781. He was a son of Ezra Chase and wife Jerusha Gilbert, grandson of Israel Chase and wife Welthea Kean, great-grandson of Benjamin Chase, Jr., and wife Mercy Simmons, and great-great-grandson of Benjamin Chase, the "cooper," of Freetown.

Cyrus Haskins (No. 133) and wife Catharine Howland had:

(256) Cyrus,* b. June 18, 1816; m. Susan McKinster.

(257) A daughter, m. no one; d. young.

(258) Daniel, b. Aug. 2, 1819; m. Hannah Haskins.

(259) Priscilla, b. Aug. 25, 1821; m. Nov. 17, 1841, Hermon Peirce, of Freetown. He was b. Dec. 11, 1815.

(260) Catharine, b. April 26, 1824; m. Orrin Eddy. He died, and she for a second husband m. George J. Smith, and they have separated.

(261) George H., b. Sept. 9, 1827; m. Sept. —, 1850, Mary A. Richmond, of Freetown. She was b. April 30, 1818. He was a Union soldier in the late war—three months, nine months, and hundred days man.

* Cyrus Haskins and wife Susan separated and have not lived together for several years.

(262) Elizabeth J., b. May 9, 1829; m. June 16, 1850, Silas P. Richmond, of Freetown. They have been divorced, and he has married again. He was b. June 19, 1831.

Abiel Haskins (No. 134) and wife Lydia Smith had:

(263) A child, m. no one; d. young.

(264) Lydia J., b. Dec. 25, 1817; m. David Brownell, of Fall River.

(265) Prudence W.,* b. Feb. 29, 1820; m. 1841, George J. Smith. He was b. Aug. 30, 1815, and was a soldier in the late war of rebellion. By trade a painter. He lives in Freetown.

(266) Abiel, b. Feb. 17, 1822; m. Almira Rider.

(267) Edward S., b. May 11, 1823; m. Meribah Heley.

(268) Ruth A., b. March 2, 1827; m. no one; d. young.

(269) Elizabeth, b. June 23, 1831; m. Thomas Ramsey.

Lydia, the mother, was a daughter of Edward Smith, of Freetown, and wife Lydia Pierce, and born Nov. 1, 1792; granddaughter of Dea. Abner Smith, of Freetown, and wife Deliverance Cudworth; great-granddau. of Benjamin Smith and wife Abigail Cudworth. Benj. Smith was an Irishman.

Capt. Enoch Haskins (No. 136) and wife Phebe Weeks had:

(270) Franklin, m. Eliza Lothrop, of Norton.

(271) Edmund, m. Hannah Dean.

(272) Harrison, m. Sarah Lovell, of Middleboro'.

Thomas Southworth and wife Lucinda Haskins (No. 137) had:

(273) Enoch, b. April 13, 1804; m. Sept. 6, 1829, Lois T. Clark. He died April 18, 1871. She died Nov. 5, 1840.

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* She was divorced from her husband.

(274) Lucinda, b. Sept. 24, 1805; m. June 12, 1825, Warren Dunham. She died Jan. 13, 1848. He died Aug. 17, 1838.

(275) Thomas, b. Jan. 4, 1810; m. Dec. 11, 1834, Susan Bisbee. She died March 25, 1867.

(276) Eli, b. March 30, 1814; m. Feb. 16, 1844, Harriet Tinkham. She died Dec. 24, 1873.

(277) Jason, b. July 5, 1819; m. July 7, 1863, Abby B. Perry.

Joshua Haskins, Esq. (No. 138) and wife ——— had:

(278) Galen, b. March 23, 1808; m. Sarah Miller. He died Dec. 16, 1866.

(279) Harriet, b. Jan. 16, 1814; d. unmarried, Aug. 23, 1834.

(280) Orville, b. July 4, 1815; m. Lydia Kinsley.

(281) Joseph C., b. June 16, 1819; m. Mary Kinsley.

(282) Mary C., b. June 29, 1824; m. Strobridge S. King. She died Oct. 29, 1866.

(283) Austin, b. Aug. 1, 1830; m. Betsey S. Atwood. Thanks due to him for information.

Myrick Haskins (No. 139) and wife Polly —— had:

(284) Hannah M., m. Henry P. Jenney, of Middleboro', now Lakeville. He was b. Nov. 1807.

Andrew Haskins (No. 140) and wife Lydia B. Kinsley had:

(285) Myrick, b. July 5, 1814.

(286) Martin K., b. May 29, 1816.

(287) Andrew, b. March 22, 1818. Lost at sea, April 16, 1851.

(288) Julia, b. March 13, 1820; m. Henry A. Dean.

(289) Cephas, b. July 25, 1825. Postmaster at Lakeville; representative to the General Court one year.

(290) Albert, b. Nov. 26, 1826. Kicked by a horse and killed.

Levi Haskins (No. 141) and wife Mary Sampson had:

(291) Mary S.
(292) Levi H.
(293) Orrin E.

Apollos Haskins, Esq. (142) and wife Amelia Leonard had:

(294) Bartlett, b. March 6, 1823; m. Harriet A. Allen.
(295) Zilpah, b. Dec. 1826; m. John Dean.
(296) Martha, b. July 7, 1830.
(297) Emily, b. July, 1834.

Samuel Haskins (No. 146) and wife Lydia Gifford had:

(298) Hannah R., b. 1833; m. George Howland, of Dartmouth.
(299) William W. K., b. 1835; d. Dec. 26, 1838.
(300) Albert C., b. June, 1837; d. Sept. 1839.
(301) William A., b. 1840; m. Lucy White, of ———, Illinois.
(302) Gifford, b. 1843; d. 1844.
(303) Benjamin S., b. 1845; m. Myra E. Record, of Taunton.
(304) Emma, b. 1849.

Mrs. Lydia, the mother, was from Little Compton, and to no one of the Haskins family, or connected with it by marriage, does the writer owe more for information concerning the same, as without her aid I had sought in vain, and perhaps must have remained ignorant of facts without which it would have been impossible to trace in an unbroken chain to the emigrant ancestor. Her recollections of the family traditions, as communicated by her husband's father and uncle Joshua Haskins, were in this connection very valua-

ble ; and added to which should also be noticed the singular care and commendable forethought that led her to preserve the family papers, even to letters of friendly correspondence, for quite a long term of years, that put the writer in possession of facts sought for eagerly but in vain elsewhere, and which but for her would have been buried in oblivion and forever lost to sight and to mind. In these days of whimsical women and foolish females, the family is fortunate that receives the accession by marriage of such a woman as Mrs. Lydia Haskins.

Clothier Pearce (No. 168) and wife Rebecca Haskins (No. 147) had :

(305) Apollos, b. Oct. 1802 ; m. 1825, Christina Baker, of Middleboro' (now Lakeville). He d. Jan. 28, 1865. A remarkably industrious and hard-working man. Was a farmer, and resided in Freetown. Good citizen.

(306) Fanny, b. Aug. 16, 1803 ; m. March 23, 1823, Edward Haskins, her cousin, of East Taunton.

(307) Susan, m. Ensign Nathaniel Caswell, Jr., of Middleboro', now Lakeville. Of the 7th company of the local militia of M. (Beech Woods Co., so called), he was commissioned June 6, 1829, as Ensign, Samuel Hoar being Captain, and John Woodbridge Canedy Lieutenant, and in the regiment of which Darius Miller of Middleboro' was Colonel, Thomas Weston, Jr., Lieut.-Colonel, Oliver Eaton, Major, and Arad Thompson Adjutant, in the brigade commanded by Brig.-General Benjamin King, of Abington.

(308) Clothier, d. young. [Tradition.]

(309) Rebecca, b. Dec. 30, 1815 ; m. Simeon Terry. She d. April 5, 1865. He was b. May 13, 1814.

(310) Levi, b. 1816 ; m. Phebe Baker, of Lakeville.

(311) Chloe, m. twice : first, Harrison Macomber. They were divorced, and she m. second, Joseph Ashley.

(312) Ruth, m. Jephthah A. Howland, of Freetown.

Bathsheba Haskins (No. 148) had before her marriage:

(313) Deborah, b. May 20, 1801; m. no one; d. Jan. 16, 1820. [Family Record.]

Thomas Terry and wife Bathsheba Haskins (No. 148) had:

(314) Zebedee, b. April 18, 1806; m. Eliza Baker, of Middleboro'.

(315) Thomas, b. Aug. 3, 1809; m. twice: first, Nov. 1835, Lavina Seekell, of Taunton. She died and he m. second, Rebecca Lincoln, of Raynham. [His testimony.]

(316) Simeon, b. May 13, 1814; m. Rebecca Pearce, a daughter of Clothier Pearce and wife Rebecca Haskins.

(317) Enoch, b. Sept. 1816; m. Adeline Gardner.

(318) John H., b. Aug. 13, 1822; m. no one; d. Feb. 2, 1831. [See gravestone, East Taunton.]

(319) Eliphalet, b. Nov. 29, 1824; m. Eliza Briggs, of Berkley. [His testimony.]

John Haskins (No. 149) and wife Polly Harvey (No. 181) had:

(320) John, m. Charlotte White.

(321) Elizabeth, m. Joseph White, of E. Freetown.

A John Haskins was a soldier of the Coast Guard; served at New Bedford in June, 1814, in Capt. Lynde Hathaway's company, first Freetown Infantry.

Simeon Haskins (No. 150) and wife Hannah Peirce had:

(322) Russell, b. Nov. 27, 1817; m. twice: first, Mercy Hathaway. She died, and he m. second, Nov. 1, 1865, Mrs. Harriet, widow of William Henry Haskins, of Taunton, and daughter of Capt. Malachi Howland, of Freetown. Harriet was born July 27, 1817. Russell was a soldier in the Assonet Light Infantry company, in the three months service in the late war of the Rebellion. His son, Ephraim H. Haskins, was a second Lieutenant in the 58th Mass. Regiment, and fell in battle, Sept. 30, 1864.

(323) Deborah, b. Jan. 15, 1820; m. James Elliot, of Taunton.

(324) Hannah, b. May 25, 1821; m. Daniel Haskins (No. 258), of Berkley. Reside in Assonet Village.

(325) Simeon, b. Oct. 14, 1824; d. Jan. 15, 1851.

(326) Bashie, b. May 16, 1827; m. Charles H. Briggs, of Freetown. Reside in Assonet Village.

(327) Julia A., b. June 17, 1832; m. Hiram Prout, of Fall River. He died. Was buried in Freetown.

(328) Isaac, b. Feb. 7, 1834; m. twice: first, Laura Hathaway, of Freetown. She died, and he m. second, Amelia F. Hammond, of Rochester. He resides in Freetown.

Simeon, the parent, was a farmer. He resided in Freetown. Of the first company in the local militia of Freetown, he was appointed first Corporal, Sept. 1828, the company being commanded by Capt. Seth Howland.

Richmond Haskins (No. 151) and wife Nancy Wade had:

(329) Nancy E., b. May 20, 1827, and to whom the writer's thanks are due for information. She m. Charles S. White, of Taunton. Reside at Myrickville.

(330) Elam R., b. May 11, 1832; m. Harriet Coggshall.

(331) Lette W., b. April 16, 1836; d. young.

James Wade and wife Ruth Haskins (No. 152) had:

(332) James H., b. April 5, 1829; m. Mary A. Macomber, of Taunton. [Family Record.]

(333) Charles W., b. July 4, 1833; m. Jan. 20, 1858, Angeline Caswell, of Taunton. [Family Record.]

Nathaniel Haskins (No. 153) and wife Experience Holloway had:

(334) Nathaniel.

(335) Abigail, m. Samuel Turner. [Tradition.]

(336) Jane.

(337) Elizabeth.
(338) Charles.

Gilbert Haskins (No. 154) and wife Lydia Read had:

(339) Gilbert, d. unmarried. Resided in Lakeville.

Henry Haskins (No. 155) and wife Abigail Pickens had:

(340) James S., m. Clarissa Ramsdell.
(341) Henry T.
(342) Sally M., m. William Pearce.
(343) Abigail, m. Benjamin Seekell, of E. Taunton.
(344) Edwin.

Edward Haskins (No. 156) and wife Fanny Pearce had:

(345) Edward T., b. Nov. 14, 1824; m. twice: first, Hannah White, of Taunton. She d. Sept. 1860, and he m. second, Fanny Thurston, of Owego, N. Y. [Family Rec.]

(346) Levi P., b. Aug. 18, 1826; m. Oct. 28, 1860, Mary A. Prout, of Fall River. He d. June 21, 1871.

(347) Rebecca, b. June 26, 1829; m. Alden Bradford. She d. Nov. 14, 1849. [Family Record.]

(348) Clothier P., b. March 1, 1839; m. Dec. 25, 1861, Susanna W. White, of Taunton. He is a conductor on the Old Colony and Newport Railroad, and a subscriber to this work.

Capt. Apollos Read and wife Abigail Haskins (No. 157) had:

(349) Bradford, m. Nancy Ramsdell.
(350) Sarah.
(351) Abigail, m. Marcus Richardson.
(352) Julia, m. Daniel Twombly.

(353) Benjamin, m. —— Shaw, of Lakeville. He has been a Selectman of Lakeville.

(354) John, m. —— Shaw, of Lakeville.
(355) Elizabeth, m. ——.

Capt. Apollos Read, the parent, was a son of Bailey Read and wife Elizabeth Valentine, grandson of Capt. Benjamin Read and wife Sarah Evans.

Enos Burt, Esq. and wife Hannah Haskins (No. 187) had:

(356) Jacob, m. Priscilla Dean. [Tradition.]
(357) Enos.
(358) William.
(359) Hannah.
(360) Stephen.
(361) Henry.
(362) Mercy.
(363) Hiram, m. Eunice Staples. [Tradition.]
(364) Sarah, m. Micah Pratt. "

Thomas Danforth and wife Elizabeth Haskins (No. 188) had:

(365) Elizabeth.

Obed Myrick and wife Phebe Haskins (No. 198) had:

(366) Calvin, b. March 28, 1799; m. Oct. 12, 1828, Sarah C. Haskins (No. 374), of Middleboro', now Lakeville. He d. Aug. 20, 1849.
(367) Stephen.
(368) Obed, m. Keziah Crossman.
(369) Polly, m. Ebenezer Strobridge, of Middleboro', now Lakeville. He was a coroner for Plymouth Co.
(370) Phebe.

Lieut. Gideon Haskins (No. 212) and wife Amy Paul had:

(371) John C., b. April 12, 1804; m. Ruth Howland, of Freetown. He died Aug. 27, 1868. She died Feb. 2, 1868. Resided in Lakeville.

(372) Keziah, b. March 23, 1806; m. Benjamin Paul, of Berkley. She died April 22, 1862, and he m. Mrs. Hannah Richmond, to whom thanks are due for information.

(373) Malachi H., b. Dec. 9, 1807; d. June 3, 1813.

(374) Sarah C., b. Dec. 28, 1809; m. Calvin Myrick, of East Taunton, who died Aug. 20, 1849.

(375) William J., b. Nov. 17, 1811; d. March 1, 1815.

(376) Samuel T., b. May 24, 1813; m. Molancy Staples. He died July 19, 1870.

(377) Joseph P., b. May 9, 1815; m. Elizabeth Seekell, of Taunton. Reside in Providence, R. I.

(378) Phebe, b. March 13, 1817; m. Isaac Babbett.

(379) Huldah T., b. Sept. 8, 1820; m. April 19, 1841, Dea. Timothy Staples, of East Taunton, to whom the writer's thanks are due for information.

(380) Peddy S., b. Jan. 23, 1824; m. Jan. 20, 1848, Enos Peirce of Middleboro', now Lakeville. A farmer.

Abraham Pearce (No. 167) and wife Phebe Haskins (No. 213) had:

(381) Luther, b. Feb. 1803; d. Nov. 4, 1822.

(382) Louisa, b. Oct. 1805; m. 1824, William R. P. Hatheway, of Freetown.. She died Jan. 26, 1854, and he m. second, —— Loring, of Ohio. He died Jan. 1858.

(383) David R. He died 1872.

(384) William R.

(385) Prudence, m. Lieut. John H. Macomber, of East Taunton. They were divorced. She went to Ohio. He resides in Berkley. This is the tenth case of separation in the Haskins family that has come to the knowledge of the writer of this family history, in tracing to the 385th person.

(386) Phebe, b. Oct. 23, 1818; d. Oct. 28, 1820. [See gravestone.]

William Haskins, Esq. (No. 214) and wife Hannah Tinkham had:

(387) William H., b. May 3, 1819; m. July 3, 1842,

Harriet Howland, of Freetown. He died, and she m. Nov. 1, 1865, Russell Haskins, of Freetown.

(388) Julius C., b. April 30, 1825; m. Achsah Townsend, of Berkley. He occupies the homestead of his father and grandfather. Thanks are due him for information.

(389) Stephen, b. Jan. 26, 1827; d. young.

(390) Ebenezer, b. Aug. 1829; d. young.

Elijah Pearce (No. 170) and wife Sarah Haskins (No. 215) had:

(391) Lydia, b. 1810; m. Jan. 12, 1834, Frederick Winslow, Jr., of Fall River. She d. June 6, 1838. [Town Record and gravestones.]

(392) Elijah.

(393) Sarah, m. Frederick Whitwell, of Fall River.

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Elijah, the parent, for a time owned and occupied the farm formerly owned by David Valentine; sometimes called "Gen. Valentine," because he headed the rebels of Bristol Co. in an attempt to stop the session of the court at Taunton in 1786, that act being among those in Massachusetts now known as "Shays' Rebellion." That farm is now owned by Rodolphus Allen, in the northerly part of Fall River.

Cyrus Haskins, Jr. (No. 256) and wife Susan McKinster had:

(396) Uriel M., b. April 19, 1843; m. Ethalana Briggs, of Dighton. He was a soldier in the three months and in the nine months service, and a Lieutenant of hundred days men at Readville, Mass. Resides in Dighton.

(397) George W.

(398) Mary A., m. Roland Briggs, of Dighton.

(399) Lutheria J., m. Sumner Chipman, of Freetown. A soldier in the nine months and hundred days service.

(400) Eleanor M.
(401) Caroline E.

The parents separated several years since.

Daniel Haskins (No. 258) and wife Hannah Haskins (No. 324) had:

(402) Eliza A., b. Nov. 8, 1842; m. March 2, 1863, Charles W. Houghton, of Fall River. Reside on North Main St. in Assonet Village.

Hermon Peirce and wife Priscilla Haskins (No. 259) had:

(403) James H., b. April 24, 1842.
(404) George W., b. Nov. 11, 1844.
(405) David E., b. Dec. 5, 1849.
(406) Sarah N., b. Dec. 22, 1851; m. Sept. 3, 1873, Joseph W. Winslow, of Freetown. Reside in Assonet.
(407) James B., b. Aug. 30, 1856.

On page 130 of this book, by mistake, Priscilla the mother was said to have been of Taunton. She originated in Berkley, and at a point where that town is very narrow, Taunton being on one side and Freetown on the other. By travelling a few rods one may be either in Berkley, Freetown or Taunton.

Orrin Eddy and wife Catharine Haskins (No. 260) had:

(408) Charles O., b. Feb. 8, 1847.
(409) Angeline F., b. Oct. 2, 1849.

Orrin Eddy, the parent, died, and Catherine, the mother, during her widowhood, had two children, viz.:

(410) George H., b. March 7, 1857.
(411) Minnie F., b. Jan. 15, 1860.

Catharine, the mother, for a second husband, m. George J. Smith, and they have separated. Fifth case of a separation brought to the writer's notice in tracing the Haskins genealogy to the 260th person.

George Haskins (No. 261) and wife Mary A. Richmond had:

(412) George A., b. May, 1852; m. 1873, Mary E. Westgate, of Freetown, daughter of Thomas and Lydia Westgate.

(413) Charles.

George, the parent, was a soldier in the three months, the nine months and the hundred days service in the late war.

Silas P. Richmond and wife Elizabeth J. Haskins (No. 262) had:

(414) Emma A., b. March 10, 1851; m. John H. Nichols, of Freetown. Reside in Assonet.

(415) Cynthia E., b. 185–. Drowned in Assonet River by the upsetting of a boat.

(416) Sarah E., b. July 1, 1854.

(417) Walter S., b. Feb. 22, 185–.

(418) Flora J.

(419) Lillie F.

After the births of these six children the parents separated and were divorced, and the father married again. His second wife has borne him two children. Silas the parent was a son of Deacon Isaac Richmond and wife Cynthia Peirce, and was born June 19, 1831. This is the sixth case of separation that has come to the notice of the writer in tracing the history of the Haskins family to the 262d person named in its genealogy.

George J. Smith and wife Prudence W. Haskins (No. 265) had:

(420) William H., b. Dec. 1843. He was a soldier in Co. B, of 26th Reg't Mass. Infantry, in the late war of the Rebellion, and died from a wound he received in battle. [Testimony of his father.]

(421) Jane, b. 1844; d. at the age of three years.
(422) Annie C., b. 1847; d. at the age of eight years.
(423) Lydia P., b. 1848; m. Humphrey Howland.

After the births of these four children the parents separated and were divorced. George J. Smith, the parent, is a painter by trade and by occupation. He resides in Freetown. He was born at Nashua, N. H., Aug. 30, 1815, son of Jacob H. Smith and wife Charlotte Fales. He was in the war of the late rebellion, and was a soldier in Co. B of 5th R. I. Reg't of Infantry. [Testimony of Geo. J. Smith.] Seventh case of separation noticed in tracing to the 265th person.

Harrison Haskins (No. 272) and wife Sarah Lovell had:

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Galen Haskins (No. 278) and wife Sarah Miller had:

(428) Serena.
(429) Betsey.

Orville Haskins (No. 280) and wife Lydia Kinsley had:

(430) Herbert.
(431) Elmore.

Joseph C. Haskins (No. 281) and wife Mary Kinsley had:

(432) Ellen.
(433) Emma.
(434) Alvin.

Strobridge S. King and wife Mary C. Haskins (No. 282) had:

(435) Millard.
(436) Mary.

Cephas Haskins (No. 289) and wife Betsey M. Soule had:

(437) Lydia H., b. Sept. 29, 1851.
(438) Mary A., b. Nov. 7, 1853.
(439) George S., b. Jan. 27, 1856.

By second wife Mary E. Mason, had:

(440) Arline M., b. Aug. 14, 1863; d. Oct. 2, 1863.
(441) Anna M., b. March 11, 1867.

Bartlett Haskins (No. 294) and wife Harriet A. Allen had:

(442) Leonard A., b. Aug. 26, 1850; d. Dec. 10, 1867.
(443) Harriet A., b. April 4, 1862.

John Dean and wife Zilpah Haskins (No. 295) had:

(444) Helen A., b. Dec. 1850; d. Jan. 1874.
(445) Austin H., b. Jan. 1857.
(446) Emma, b. April, 1865.

Russell Haskins (No. 322) and wife Mercy Hathaway had:

(447) Charles R., was a soldier in the three months service in the late war of the Rebellion; on duty at Fortress Monroe in Virginia. He was in Co. G, 3d Regiment, 2d Brigade, Mass. Vol. Militia, the regiment being under Col. D. W. Wardrop, of New Bedford, and the brigade under Brig.-Gen. Ebenezer W. Peirce, of Freetown.

(448) Ephraim H., was a soldier in the Assonet Light Infantry (Co. G), 3d Reg't Mass. Vol. Militia, in the three months service, and an Orderly Sergeant in the 58th Reg't Mass. Infantry. Promoted to second Lieutenant, Aug. 8, 1864. Slain in battle, Sept. 30, 1864.

(449) Mercy A., b. Oct. 1857; d. Oct. 1860.

Russell, the parent, was a soldier in Co. G, 3d Reg't M. V. M., in service at Fortress Monroe, Va., three months, at the commencement of the war of the Rebellion. No children born of his second wife Harriet.

James Elliot and wife Deborah Haskins (No. 323) had:

(450) Son, died at the age of seven days.
(451) John.
(452) Ellen, m. Theodore Holmes.
(453) Hannah.
(454) Simeon, d. at the age of six weeks.
(455) Parney.
(456) Albert.

Charles H. Briggs and wife Bashie Haskins (No. 326) had:

(457) Son, b. Sept. 1, 1852; d. Sept. 1, 1852.
(458) Annie, b. July 11, 1857.

Isaac Haskins (No. 328) and wife Amelia F. Hammond had:

(459) Son, b. Sept. 9, 1844 1874

Charles S. White and wife Nancy E. Haskins (No. 329) had:

(460) Annie.
(461) Damon.

Edward T. Haskins (No. 345) and wife Hannah White had:

(462) Theodore, b. Nov. 8, 1851. [Family Record.]
(463) Rebecca, b. Oct. 8, 1857. " "

By second wife, Fanny Thurston, had:

(464) Edward, b. Sept. 1862. [Family Record.]
(465) Chester, b. 18—.

Levi P. Haskins (No. 346) and wife Mary A. Prout had:

(466) Clara W., b. Oct. 7, 1861. [Family Record.]
(467) Fanny P., b. May 30, 1864. " "

Alden Bradford and wife Rebecca Haskins (No. 347) had:

(468) Frederick S., b. Sept. 25, 1848. [Family Rec.]

John Calvin Haskins (No. 371) and wife Ruth Howland had:

(469) Jacob, m. Amanda M. F. Howland, of Freetown.

(470) Caroline, m. James Eldridge, of Bridgewater.

(471) Elizabeth, m. Christopher French, of Berkley.

(472) Lydia.

(473) Ruth A., m. Abner J. Sears, of Lakeville. They separated and were divorced. He died 1874. This is the eleventh case of separation that has come to the knowledge of the writer in tracing the Haskins genealogy.

(474) John C., died 1873.

(475) Ellen.

Calvin Myrick and wife Sarah C. Haskins (No. 374) had:

(476) Gideon H., b. April 28, 1829; m. Amanda Washburn, of Lakeville.

(477) John, b. March 23, 1831; d. Feb. 10, 1849.

(478) Eber F., b. Feb. 15, 1833; d. Sept. 30, 1844.

(479) Polly F., b. Feb. 27, 1835; d. Dec. 12, 1851.

(480) Erastus O., b. June 3, 1837; m. Ednah Eveleth, of Providence, R. I.

(481) Artemas B., b. Oct. 31, 1839; m. Julia Eveleth, of Providence, R. I.

(482) Sarah J., b. Nov. 18, 1841; m. Geo. W. Hoar, of Lakeville.

(483) Emily, b. March 11, 1844; m. Charles W. Farmer, of Lakeville. Reside in East Taunton.

(484) Eugene, b. April 18, 1847; d. Jan. 26, 1848.

Dea. Timothy Staples and wife Huldah T. Haskins (No. 379) had:

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Enos Peirce and wife Peddy S. Haskins (No. 380) had:

(487) John M., b. Nov. 18, 1851; d. Jan. 27, 1863.
(488) Amy, b. July 13, 1855.

William H. Haskins (No. 387) and wife Harriet Howland had:

(489) Charles H., b. Sept. 4, 1845; d. Feb. 8, 1846.
(490) Mary Ann, b. Jan. 26, 1847.
(491) Malachi H., b. Sept. 13, 1848; m. Jan. 23, 1873, Anna P. Fletcher.
(492) Roba, b. Dec. 16, 1853.

Julius C. Haskins (No. 388) and wife Achsah Townsend had:

(493) Walter.
(494) John.

Lieut. Uriel M. Haskins (No. 396) and wife Ethalana Briggs had:

(495) Susan, b. Jan. 1, 1872.
(496) ——, b. 1874.

Chas. W. Houghton and wife Eliza A. Haskins (No. 402) had:

(497) Frank G., b. July 21, 1867.

George A. Haskins (No. 412) and wife Mary E. Westgate had:

(498) Son, b. Sept. 1873; d. Sept. 1873.

Jacob Haskins (No. 469) and wife Amanda M. F. Howland had:

(499) Frederick.
(500) Edward.
(501) Ella.

Ruth A. Haskins (No. 473) before marriage had:
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Abner J. Sears and wife Ruth A. Haskins (No. 473) had:
(503) Nellie G., b. Nov. 3, 1867; d. April 6, 1869.

Mary Ann Haskins (No. 490) had:
(504) Julia P., b. Jan., 1868; d. July, 1874.

Thus have we presented, in genealogical order, brief notices of five hundred and four persons, the lineal descendants of William Hoskins, their emigrant ancestor, and in most instances have been fortunate enough to give, at least, the christian name, with sometimes the date of birth, or marriage, or death, and occasionally all of these. To accomplish this work has been attended with no inconsiderable labor, and required time as well as toil, both of which have been ungrudgingly given and unsparingly devoted to the task, and with no hope of reward save the acquirement of the knowledge and gratification resulting from having been principally instrumental in bringing the attainment of that knowledge within the easy reach of others, who, but for my efforts, would probably have forever remained ignorant of the same. To know the names of our ancestors, when and where they were born, who and when they married, and when they died, is gratifying; but when to this can be added what as well as who they were, the lineal descendant is thereby enabled to study himself, or herself, and to learn and understand, as without this knowledge he or she neither would or could. It is to the end last cited that the writer has been as careful to notice, and free to set forth, and with as little reserve, the story of their faults and failings as of their virtues, for without the former the rocks on which they split, and sands whereon they stranded, would have continued to be hidden to our view as much as these were to

theirs, and by us would have been left to be learned by a repetition of their sad and unhappy experience.

To those, therefore, not only of the name, but the blood in other names, I would suggest as a wiser thing to do than censuring me for making the record of these faults thus public, save me from your castigations and use the lash upon your own persons, to crucify the same lusts that both you and I have inherited from being lineal descendants of those in whom these evidences of faults were found. That I have confidence in the efficacy and believe in the medicine that I prescribe is certain, for by it I am trying to heal myself.

To say or to suppose that such a large number of separations between husband and wife and so many divorces as have appeared in the Hoskins or Haskins family were casualties that were not and could not be foreseen, or were accidents growing out of the peculiarity of the times, or singularity of the localities in which they lived, is simply ridiculous, as also that so many illegitimate children were born.

These are all legitimate, natural and inevitable consequences, growing out of inherent moral weakness or wickedness, noticed thus publicly and without reserve, not to gratify vulgar curiosity, or to pander to a swinish appetite only satisfied with a diet where the prime ingredient is filth, and chief attraction nastiness, but that all others, in common with myself, who are lineally descended from William Hoskins, of Plymouth, and his filthy speaking, lascivious acting and lying wife, Ann Hinde, may see what from that source has been by us inherited, and also that we may be led to thank those of our ancestors of the Hoskins name or Hoskins blood who conferred upon us the inestimable favor of marrying into families better than themselves, and thus infusing into us the higher principles, as well as the power of nobler action, and that by being

thoroughly informed on the subject, we may be better enabled to put the good and noble principles of our nature in determined, unyielding practice, fully bent upon crucifying in our members the old Ann Hinde and her detestable lusts.

William Hoskins the emigrant appears to have been a very respectable man, a good and reliable citizen, but he was extremely unfortunate in his selection of a wife, and the curse of having such a mother has been felt by many successive generations of his descendants.

Such a sinner as Ann Hinde in the capacity of a mother to a family or race, "destroys much good," and entails incalculable mischief on countless generations. Let us, therefore, on whom this curse falls, see to it that we guard against and endeavor to counteract the evils thus entailed upon us, and in our family alliances profit by this very costly lesson and the direful experience resulting from the miserable choice William Hoskins exercised in selecting a wife, and by which he entailed upon us his posterity such an incalculable amount of suffering and misery.

THE MACOMBER FAMILY.

Macomber, like many other surnames in America, has been subjected to several changes in the mode both of pronunciation and spelling, and hence we find it at different periods entered upon the records as Maycumber, Macomber, and McComber. Which is the oldest or original spelling I do not know or deem it of sufficient importance to enter upon any considerable research in the hope to find means to determine.

In 1638, or two hundred and thirty-six years since, William Maycumber was at Duxbury, and the public record of that date further informs that he was by occupation a "cooper," and received the grant of a small island north of "Powder Point," and was allowed to settle down and become an inhabitant, "if the Comitee of Duxburrow do consent."

Liberty was also granted him "to fetch tymber to make Hoops of for vessells for the Colonies use at Clarks Island & Sagaquash."

Two years later was allowed him the "wood fitt for cooperery growing upon Wood Island to be used by him so long as he followeth his trade and forbidding all others to cutt any there except for loading the boats and vessels to carry away the hey."

In 1644 William Maycumber of Duxbury was complained of for speaking against the Indians; and the same year the records show a John Macomber, who was by trade a carpenter, was residing in Taunton; and again, in 1659, or about

fifteen years after, John Macomber and Henry Andrews of Taunton obtained permission to erect a saw-mill on Mill River, so called, in that town, if it should not be found hurtful to the grist-mill, which leads to the supposition that a mill for grinding grain had already been erected thereon.

Tradition says that there were at Taunton two persons bearing the name of John Macomber at the same time, but does not inform what akin one was to the other.

Nov. 6, 1666, William Briges of Taunton, and Sarah Maycumber of Marshfield, were united in marriage; on the 9th of Dec. 1673, Nicholas White, Jr., and Ursila Macomber of Marshfield, were made husband and wife, and July 16, 1678, John Macomber, Jr., and Anna Evans, both of Taunton, entered the married state; and from the last named the writer has been enabled to trace, genealogically.

John Macomber, Jr., and wife Anna Evans had:

(2) Thomas, b. April 30, 1679. [Old Colony Records.]

(3) John, b. March 18, 1681 [O. C. Rec.]; m. Elizabeth, a daughter of Nathaniel Williams and wife Elizabeth Rogers. John Macomber died Dec. 14, 1747. [Gravestone.] Elizabeth, his wife, was b. April 18, 1686, and d. May 2, 1732. [O. C. Records and gravestones.]

(4) William, b. Jan. 31, 1683 (O. C. Rec.); m. Hannah, a daughter of William Hoskins of Taunton, and granddaughter of William Hoskins of Plymouth, the emigrant.

(5) Samuel.

John Macomber, the parent, was probably the John Macomber mentioned in the will of John Macomber, of Taunton, made about 1694, and the maker of that will was perhaps identical with the John Macomber, Sen., who was married with Mary Babcock, Jan. 7, 1686, and who under date of Sept. 20, 1687, sold a piece of land to John Eddy.

In that will was also noticed a daughter Mary, who married a Staples and had a son John Staples.

1684, Oct. 3, Thomas Macomber, of Marshfield, gave lands in Taunton to his brother John Macomber, of last named town; and the same year a William Macomber appears to have located in Dartmouth.

Sept. 16, 1695, John Macomber, Sen., of Taunton, and called also a cooper, sold David Briggs a piece of land in that town; and on the 13th of May, 1696, John Macomber, cooper, of Taunton, sold a lot of land to Ebenezer Pitts. The name of the wife of this John Macomber at that time was Hannah, as she signed that Christian name to the deed.

Concerning the posterity of Thomas Macomber (No. 2) of this genealogy, we will now distinctly state that our authority is even *less reliable* than that of tradition, being simply *conjectural.* Tradition informs that children bearing certain names were the immediate descendants of one Thomas Macomber and wife, of Taunton, and that said Thomas was a physician, &c.

Assuming that Thomas the physician was identical with Thomas born April 30, 1679, the genealogical descent from John and wife Anna would be continued as follows:

Thomas Macomber (No. 2) and wife had:

(6) John, m. Abigail Padelford.

(7) James, m. twice: first, —— Williams; second, in 1772, Hannah Simmons, of Dighton.

Now let it not hereafter be said that I have misled those of this line of descent concerning their genealogy, as I acknowledge myself to be ignorant, and further state that none of the Macomber name, or others of whom I have inquired, nor the records I have searched, have enabled me to state more positively, fully, or satisfactorily. To pursue any other than *this objectionable course* would be to leave out a large number of the Macomber family, or to arrange them as if belonging to another family.

Of John Macomber (No. 3) and his posterity, we are enabled to state from records and well authenticated traditions, how his descendants in each and every successive generation are connected with the parent stock, as the writer of this genealogy had the good fortune repeatedly to see and converse with a granddaughter of John (No. 3), viz., Mrs. Sarah Atwood, who was born Aug. 17, 1763 (or about sixteen years after her grandfather's death), and to whose remarkably clear mind and retentive memory that enabled her to tell me what she recollected as having occurred a full hundred years before, I am indebted for a great deal of valuable information concerning that branch of the Macomber family to which she belonged, or rather through which from John Macomber and wife Anna Evans she was descended. Living as she did to the one hundred and fifth year of her age, and retaining her memory to the last, she became a mine of historic wealth, and to those desirous of learning what had occurred in her neighborhood during the long years of an entire century, that with clearness and correctness she could, as the fruits of her own observation, set forth, she was unequalled, and her like will "ne'er be looked upon again."

John Macomber (No. 3) and wife Elizabeth Williams had:

(8) Nathaniel, b. in or about 1708; m. Nov. 13, 1735, Priscilla Southworth, of Middleboro'. He was deacon of the Congregational Church called the "Precinct," part in Taunton and part in Lakeville. He died Nov. 12, 1787, aged 79 years. His wife died Oct. 30, 1793.

(9) Josiah, b. in or about 1710; m. Nov. 29, 1736, Ruth Paul, of Berkley. Of the 5th company in the local militia of Taunton, he was in 1762 commissioned Lieutenant, Ephraim Dean being Captain and Elijah Macomber Ensign. This company belonged to the third Reg't Bristol Co. militia, Samuel White, of Taunton, Colonel; Geo. Leonard, Jr., of Norton, Lieut.-Colonel; Thomas Morey, of Norton, and Seth

Williams, of Taunton, Majors. Lieut. Macomber died Nov. 8, 1801, aged about 91 years. Ruth, his wife, died Sept. 19, 1791. [State Record, Berkley Record and gravestone.]

(10) John, m. Jan. 27, 1747, Elizabeth Finney, of Middleboro'. [Berkley Records.]

(11) James, b. 1715; m. Feb. 4, 1747, Rachel Drake. He d. Dec. 31, 1803. She d. Dec. 1, 1809, aged 83 years.

(12) Elijah, b. 1718; m. twice: first, Judith Williams. She d. Dec. 1, 1743. He m. second, Sarah Pitts. She d. May 30, 1810. He d. Feb. 3, 1802, aged about 84 years. In 1762 he was commissioned Ensign of the 5th company in the local militia of Taunton, and about ten years after promoted to Captain, with Israel Dean as Lieutenant, and Barnabas Canedy Ensign. This company belonged to the third Regiment, of which George Leonard, Jr., of Norton, was Colonel; Daniel Leonard, of Taunton, Lieut.-Colonel; George Godfrey and George Williams, of Taunton, Majors; and Apollos Leonard Adjutant. [State Records and gravestones.]

(13) Joseph, m. —— Canedy. [Testimony of Mrs. Atwood.]

(14) Elizabeth; m. twice: first, William Rounsevill, of East Freetown. He was b. Oct. 10, 1705, at twenty-seven minutes past six o'clock in the afternoon. [Freetown Records.] Died Jan. 31, 1744. [Gravestone.] She m. second, Williams Ashley. William Rounsevill and wife Elizabeth (No. 14) were great-grandparents to the writer of this genealogy, who is descended from them through their daughter Elizabeth, who married Capt. Job Peirce, of Middleboro', and grandson Ebenezer Peirce, Esq. Rev. William R. Alger, of Boston, is also a lineal descendant of William Rounsevill and wife Elizabeth, through their son Capt. Levi Rounsevill, grandson Rev. William Rounsevill, and great-granddaughter Catherine Rounsevill, the wife of Nahum Alger.

(15) Abiah, m. Lieut. Israel Dean, of Taunton.
(16) Hannah, m. John Smith. [Tradition.]

WILLIAM MACOMBER (No. 4) and wife HANNAH HOSKINS had:

(17) Abiel.
(18) William.
(19) Anna.
(20) Sarah.

JOHN MACOMBER (No. 6) and wife ABIGAIL PADELFORD had:

(21) Ebenezer, tradition says, resided in Providence, held the commission of a Colonel, and kept a tavern.

(22) Nathan, b. Oct. 15, 1752; m. May, 1779, Mary Read, of Dighton. She was b. Feb. 1760.

(23) Ira, never married; died in the service of the country in the Revolutionary Army. [Tradition.]

(24) Rufus, b. 1758; m. Jan. 19, 1796, Bathsheba, a daughter of Col. John Hathaway,* of Berkley. Rufus died Dec. 7, 1841. His wife died March 23, 1841, in her 63d year. [See gravestones.]

(25) Mary, m. —— Allen.
(26) John, m. Polly Dean, of Taunton. [Tradition.]

(27) Huldah, b. 1766; m. Philip Hathaway, of Berkley. She died Aug. 16, 1807, in her 41st year.

(28) Lydia, m. Samuel Godfrey. [Tradition.]
(29) Abigail, m. Philip Dean, of Taunton.

JAMES MACOMBER (No. 7) and wife —— WILLIAMS had:

(30) Joshua W., m. —— Hart. [Tradition.]
(31) James. "
(32) Ruth, m. Israel Dean. "
(33) Zilpah, m. Dyer Pratt. "

* This was the Col. John Hathaway already noticed on pages 59 and 97 of this work.

By second wife Hannah Simmons:

(34) Hannah, m. Hannah Staples. [Tradition.]

(35) Thomas, m. Nancy Stevens.

For what is given concerning the family of James Macomber, I am indebted to Mr. George W. Read, of East Taunton, a soldier in the last war with England.

Dea. Nathaniel Macomber (No. 8) and wife Priscilla Southworth had:

(36) Ezra, died young. [Testimony of Mrs. Atwood.]

(37) Job, m. Abigail Pitts. " " "

(38) George, m. Susan Paul. " " "

(39) Nathaniel, b. 1742; m. Bathsheba Godfrey. He d. July 7, 1814. In a company commanded by Capt. Job Peirce,* of Middleboro', in the patriot army of the Revolution, he was a musician. Promoted to 2d Lieutenant, July 1, 1781, of the 7th company of local militia in Middleboro' (Beech Woods Co., so called), in the 4th Reg't, 1st Brigade.

(40) Ichabod, m. Rachel Hall. [Tradition.]

(41) John, b. 1751; d. Dec. 12, 1756. [Gravestone.]

Lieut. Josiah Macomber (No. 9) and wife Ruth Paul had:

(42) Betsey, m. Sam'l Haskell, of Dighton. [Tradition.]

(43) Rebecca, m. Joseph Goodwin. [Tradition.]

(44) Abiel, b. 1738; m. Phebe Dean. He died Nov. 18, 1821. He was a surveyor. Served as a Lieutenant in the patriot army of the Revolution, and in the company of which Jacob Hoskins of Taunton was Captain. For roll of company, see genealogy of the Hoskins Family.

(45) Ruth, d. Oct. 8, 1756. [Gravestone.]

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* Capt. Job Peirce was grandfather to the writer of this family history. The 7th Co. was commanded by Capt. Henry Peirce, younger brother of Capt. Job Peirce, and like him a veteran officer in the patriot army of the Revolution.

JOHN MACOMBER (No. 10) and wife ELIZABETH FINNEY had:

(46) John.
(47) Samuel.
(48) Silas.
(49) Enoch.

JAMES MACOMBER (No. 11) and wife RACHEL DRAKE had:

(50) Linthe, b. June 10, 1749; m. Stephen Macomber.

(51) Elijah, b. Jan. 25, 1751; m. June 20, 1775, Zilpah Thresher, of Taunton. [Berkley Town Records.]

(52) James, b. Aug. 18, 1753. " " "

(53) Josiah, b. Nov. 1, 1757. Patriot soldier of the Revolution. [Berkley Town Records and Tradition.]

(54) Merriam, b. Nov. 5, 1760; m. Ezra Briggs, the tavern keeper in Berkley. The house then used for an inn is now owned and occupied by Mr. Thomas Burt, and stands nearly opposite the church edifice of the Congregational Society in Berkley. [Berkley Records and tradition.]

(55) Eleanor,* b. Aug. 1763; m. Sept. 27, 1785, Capt. Joseph Sanford, of Berkley. She died Aug. 12, 1844.

(56) Venus, b. Jan. 19, 1775; m. June 25, 1797, Welthea Pearce, of Berkley. [Berkley Town Records.]

Names of children of James Macomber taken from the Town Records of Berkley, together with dates of births.

Capt. ELIJAH MACOMBER (No. 12) and wife SARAH PITTS had:

(57) Judith, b. 1754; d. at the age of 16, Oct. 6, 1770.

(58) Betsey, b. 175–; m. Dr. Philip Padelford, of Taunton. [Testimony of Mrs. Sarah Atwood.]

(59) Jane, b. 1760; d. unm. March 15, 1801.

(60) Sarah, b. Aug. 17, 1763; m. March 24, 1803, Joseph Atwood, of Dighton. She died Oct. 30, 1867, aged aged one hundred and four years, two months and thirteen

* Grandparents to the Hon. J. E. Sanford, Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

days. The writer of this genealogy visited her several times when she had attained to the remarkable age of one hundred and three years, and at each time was met by her at the door and invited into her house, when she seated herself at my side and conversed as readily and sensibly as if sixty or seventy years younger than she was. On one of these occasions she gave a particular account of what transpired at my grandmother's funeral; who, as mourners, followed the corpse to the grave, and their order of precedence, and that on their return to the house my grandfather sat down and took his youngest child in his lap. That child was the late Col. Peter H. Peirce, born March 25, 1788, a Captain in the Coast Guard in the war of 1812, and who if alive would be almost eighty-six years old, but then little more than two years of age. Thus that most particular account that I ever received of my grandmother's burial was related by an eye witness and participant therein more than seventy-five years after the event, and with a clearness, conciseness and comprehension that should characterize the relation of the news of the last week. Mrs. Atwood also said she recollected looking into the open grave dug to receive the remains of her sister Judith, who died almost five years before the commencement of the war of the American Revolution, and ninety-six years before her relation of the fact to me. She also well remembered the alarm when the British soldiers landed in Dartmouth near New Bedford, in 1778, and repeated to me, *verbatim et literatim*, the orders as communicated to her father, and also listened to by herself on that exciting occasion.*

An account of her participation in the singing of the church choir, led by that veteran officer of the Revolution, Maj. William Seaver,† was both instructive and amusing.

* She said the messenger bearing the unwelcome tidings and imperative orders arrived at her father's in the night and awoke the entire family with his shouts.

† Brigade Major on the staff of Brig.-Gen. George Godfrey, of Taunton, in Revolutionary service.

The Major, she said, was the first to use a *pitch-pipe*, that for a time not only astonished the worshippers, but so frightened the dogs as to set some of the latter barking, to the serious disturbance of the religious exercises.

In answer to my question, "Does it seem a long time as you look back to the days of childhood and the years of your earliest recollections?" she said, that taken from one standpoint it did, and from another view the century of years that she could remember seemed but a brief period of time.

But one other centenarian has it been the writer's good fortune to see and become acquainted with, viz., Mrs. Rhoda Douglass, who was born in June, 1760, and died in about three months after entering her one hundred and first year. She, like Mrs. Atwood, was born in Taunton, and a daughter of Capt. Ebenezer Dean, and like Mrs. Atwood was married in 1803, Mrs. Atwood being about forty, and Mrs. Douglass about forty-three years of age at the date of marriage. Neither gave birth to any children. Mrs. Douglass read a chapter in the Bible, and unassisted went up and down stairs the day that she completed a century of her earthly existence, and to the writer, who visited her that day, she seemed well and quite cheerful, was neatly attired in a black well-setting dress, giving no evidence of greatly advanced age, either by the expression of her thoughts or by her manner.* Mrs. Douglass resided in Freetown.

Mrs. Atwood died on the farm on which she was born and had always resided, save for the few years of her married life, surviving as she did her husband for many years. That farm is near Myricksville.

Joseph Macomber (No. 13) and wife —— Canedy had:

(61) Thankful, m. Abram Miller.

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* That was on the 15th of June, 1860. She died Aug. 31, 1860. The writer, with Rev. Abel G. Duncan, visited her on her 101st birth day. He too, not long since, went to swell the congregation of the dead.

(62) Betsey.
(63) Judith, m. —— Thompson.
(64) Olive.
(65) Lorana, m. —— Thompson.
(66) Hannah.

For what is stated concerning James Macomber and family, the writer is indebted to Mrs. Sarah Atwood (No. 60).

William Rounsevill and wife Elizabeth Macomber (No. 14) had:

(67) William, b. 1735; m. twice: first, July 30, 1767, Rebecca Hoar, of Middleboro'. She died Dec. 13, 1774, and he m. second, Oct. 4, 1776, Gabrielle de Moranville, of East Freetown. He died Sept. 1797.

(68) Joseph, m. —— Cole. He was a soldier in the French and Indian War. [See Rolls in State House.]

(69) Levi, b. 1739; m. twice: first, April 28, 1760, Betsey Howland, of Middleboro'. He m. second, Mrs. Molly Brown, of Milton. He was Captain of Freetown "Minute Men," at the Lexington Alarm, and also a Captain in the Revolutionary Army. Died Jan. 3, 1815. Representative to the General Court one year; moderator of annual town meeting; Committee of Correspondence and Safety.

(70) Sylvester, b. March 18, 1741; d. Oct. 7, 1743. [See gravestones in Rounsevill burial-ground.]

(71) Elizabeth, b. Aug. 25, 1743; m. May 18, 1761, Capt. Job Peirce, of Middleboro', now Lakeville. They were the grandparents of the writer of this genealogy and family history, and it is from this circumstance alone that the public now have the same presented in print. Mrs. Elizabeth d. June 9, 1790. Capt. Job. Peirce d. July 22, 1819. Buried in Peirce Family Cemetery, Lakeville, and have suitable gravestones.

WILLIAMS ASHLEY and wife ELIZABETH MACOMBER ROUNSEVILL (No. 14) had:

(72) Noah, b. 1757; m. first, Abigail, a daughter of Dea. William Hoar, of Middleboro', now Lakeville. She was b. 1767, and d. April 12, 1792, aged 25 years. He m. second, Lavina, a daughter of John Howland. [See Haskins and Howland Genealogies.] Married, third, Mrs. —— Ashley. Noah died in 1839. He resided in East Freetown.

(73) Micah.

(74) Abiah, b. 17—; m. Elder Philip Hatheway,* of Freetown. He was by trade a house carpenter, and for a time lived in Shutesbury, where he was deacon of a Calvinistic Baptist Church; removed to Middleboro', and becoming a preacher, was ordained and settled as pastor of the first Baptist Church in Freetown. In or about 1807 he changed his sentiments and became what was called a "Christian," and to a church under that name in Freetown preached several years, when he became a Swedenborgian. He was born in East Taunton, near Myricksville, at the house of Henry Hoskins, Feb. 23, 1756; d. in Freetown, in the house now owned and occupied by Daniel Macomber, June 14, 1839. After the death of her husband, Abiah, in extreme old age, went to the west and there died. Abiah, and also her mother, attained to nearly a hundred years of age.

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* Elder, and not Reverend, was the title formerly used by the Calvinistic Baptists and "Christians," when speaking to or of their preachers, and he was generally called and known as Elder Hatheway. He was an illegitimate son of Rachel Hoskins or Haskins, and took the surname of his reputed father. [See Hoskins Genealogy.] Elizabeth Wae was the midwife, and she testified to finding Rachel Hoskins, a single woman, at the house of Henry Hoskins, in Taunton, undergoing the pains of child-birth, and that she, the midwife, "examined the said Rachel in her extremity, and received her confession that Melatiah Hatheway was father of the child of which she was being delivered." Melatiah at that time was a widower, and Rachel, in the capacity of a servant, had been residing in his family. For the last statement the writer was indebted to Mr. John Peirce, of Lakeville, a grandson of the erring Rachel, and to the County Court records that for this act of fornication and bastardy she was sentenced to be publicly whipped.

Lieut. Israel Dean and wife Abiah Macomber (No. 15) had no children.

In 1754 he was a Corporal in the 5th Co. in local militia of Taunton, William Canedy being Captain; promoted to Lieutenant in 1772, Elijah Macomber being Captain.

Col. Ebenezer Macomber (No. 21) and wife had:

(75)

(76) Abigail.

Nathan Macomber (No. 22) and wife Mary Read had.

(77) Ira, b. Aug. 8, 1782; m. April, 1825, Abigail Read, of Taunton.

(78) Polly, b. April, 1786; d. unm. Oct. 1829.

(79) Asa A., b. July 3, 1790; m. Feb. 13, 1820, Hannah S. White, of Middleboro'.

Rufus Macomber (No. 24) and wife Bathsheba Hathaway had:

(80) Ebenezer, b. ——; m. Nov. 16, 1824, Louisa Burt. He died ——. She died June 22, 1867. She was b. Oct. 24, 1802. [Berkley Records and gravestone.]

(81) Roxanna, b. Sept. 21, 1798; m. March 24, 1825, Lot Strange, of Freetown. He died Oct. 24, 1852. She died Sept. 27, 1858. Interred in the Congregational burial-ground, near Assonet Village, and have suitable gravestones.

(82) Rufus, m. Ruby Green, of Seekonk.

(83) Bathsheba, m. Isaac Record, of ——. He d. July 17, 1854, aged 50 years. [See gravestones in Berkley.]

(84) John H., b. Nov. 1806; m. Prudence Pearce, of E. Taunton. He was commissioned 4th Lieutenant of the Assonet Light Infantry Co., April 29, 1854; promoted to 3d Lieutenant, Dec. 13, 1854. Honorably discharged. He and his wife were divorced. He resides in Berkley.

(85) Daniel, b. Oct. 17, 1809; m. June 13, 1836, Mary

Howland, of Freetown, a daughter of Capt. Malachi Howland. She was b. Feb. 22, 1815. Reside in Freetown.

—— Allen and wife Mary Macomber (No. 25) had:

(86) Amos, m. twice. He was a physician, and resided in East Taunton. Was a graduate of Brown University in 1804. He studied medicine and surgery with Dr. Miller.

(87) Asa.

(88) Polly, m. Caleb Fuller.

Philip Hathaway and wife Huldah Macomber (No. 27) had no children.

He was a son of Col. John Hathaway, of Berkley, a Colonel in the patriot army of the American Revolution.

Samuel Godfrey and wife Lydia Macomber (No. 28) had:

(89) Samuel, m. Betsey Farris, of New York.

(90) Caleb, m. —— Grainger.

(91) Fanny, m. Peter Carpenter, of Providence.

Thanks are due Lieut. John Hathaway Macomber (No. 84) for what is given concerning the family of Samuel Godfrey and wife.

Lieut. Nathaniel Macomber (No. 39) and wife Bathsheba Godfrey had:

(92) Daniel, m. Abigail Pearce, of Middleboro'. He lived to a great age.

(93) Ichabod, m.

(94) Ard, m.

(95) Theodora, d. unm. in the one hundredth year of her age.

(96) Prudence, m. —— King, of Raynham.

(97) Bathsheba, unm.; was simple-minded.

(98) Nathaniel, m. —— Weston. He was a farmer, and resided in Lakeville. Both are dead.

(99) Abigail, m. Maj. Harry Jackson, of Middleboro', now Lakeville. Of the Battalion of Plymouth Co. Cavalry* he was commissioned Major, Jan. 29, 1823, and held that office until his death.

Ichabod Macomber (No. 40) and wife Rachel Hall had:

(100) Leonard, m. —— Green.
(101) Abijah, m.
(102) Hannah, m.
(103) Samuel, m.

Joseph Goodwin and wife Rebecca Macomber (No. 43) had:

(104) Deborah, b. March 22, 1771.
(105) Joseph, b. March 6, 1773.
(106) Elizabeth, b. May 26, 1775.
(107) Josiah, b. Nov. 8, 1777.
(108) John, b. July 27, 1780.
(109) Rebecca, b. Sept. 28, 1782.
(110) Henry, b. June 12, 1785.
(111) Alanson, b. March 4, 1789.

The above names and dates are from the Dighton Town Records.

Lieut. Abiel Macomber (No. 44) and wife Phebe Dean had:

(112) Ruth, m. Edward Paul.
(113) Rachel, m. Luther Lincoln.
(114) Rebecca, b. July 25, 1769; m. Edmund Burt.
(115) Betsey, m. Capt. Elias Sampson, of Middleboro,' now Lakeville. He was a tavern keeper.
(116) Matilda, m.

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* Names of Majors of Plymouth Co. Battalion of Cavalry and dates of their commissions: Isaac Lazell, Jr., Bridgewater, July, 1794; William Bourne, of Middleboro', Sept. 12, 1803; Thomas Bennett, of Middleboro', April 28, 1807; Nath'l Haskell, Jr., of Rochester, June 4, 1813, to June 6, 1822; Harry Jackson, of Middleboro', Jan. 29, 1823; Nathan Hayward, of North Bridgewater, March 23, 1824.

(117) Asenath, m. Joseph Dean.
(118) Keziah, m.
(119) Josiah, m. Nancy Bowers.

Lieut. Abiel, the parent, was a celebrated land surveyor. He lived in East Taunton. Was interred in what is called the "Caswell Burial Ground," in East Taunton. Was Lieutenant in Capt. Jacob Haskins's company, on duty in Rhode Island from March 13 to April 15, 1779.

Ezra Briggs and wife Miriam Macomber (No. 54) had:

(120) Martha, m. Peter Babbitt. [Tradition.]
(121) Eliza, m. Rufus Padelford. "
(122) Phebe, m. John Burt. "
(123) Franklin, m. Julia Burt. He was drowned Aug. 19, 1828. [See Town Records of Berkley.]

Many very amusing stories concerning Ezra the parent are told by the old settlers in Berkley. [See one or more of these stories on pages 296 and 297 of book entitled "Peirce Family of Old Colony."] He was a tavern keeper.

Capt. Joseph Sanford and wife Eleanor Macomber (No. 55) had:

(124) James, b. 1788; graduated at Brown University in 1812; m. Sarah Starkweather, of Northampton. He was settled in the ministry at Fabius, N. Y., where he preached about forty years. He died in Ware, 1865.

(125) John, graduated at Brown University in 1812; m. Sophia Loud, of Weymouth. He was settled as a pastor in Dennis, and preached about forty-five years. Died in Taunton in 1867. Parents of Hon. John E. Sanford, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Boston.

(126) Eleanor, m. 1815, Abner Pitts, of Taunton.

(127) Alpheus, b. 1793; m. Sinai Briggs, of Conway. Representative to the General Court in 1844; Justice of the Peace.

(128) Enoch, b. 1795 ; graduated at Brown University in 1820 ; settled as a minister in Raynham, and preached twenty-six and a half years ; m. in 1823 Caroline White, of Weymouth. She died in 1870. Thanks due him for what is here presented concerning the family of Capt. Joseph Sanford and wife Eleanor Macomber.

(129) Joseph, b. 1798; was a merchant at Oswego, N. Y.; Colonel of a regiment of militia ; d. 1829.

(130) Baalis, b. 1801; graduated at Brown University in 1823; settled as minister at E. Bridgewater in 1827; preached about forty years ; m. Abby Burt, of Berkley.

(131) Mary, b. 1805 ; m. Theophilus Nickerson, of S. Dennis.

Venus Macomber (No. 56) and wife Welthea Pearce had:

(132) Apollos.

(133) Achsah, m. Capt. Nathaniel Townsend, of Berkley. Of a company of the local militia in Berkley,* he was

* Names of Captains of that company and dates of their commissions, so far as have come to the knowledge of the author of this book: Samuel French, 1762; Jedediah Briggs, July 1, 1781; Christopher Paul, April 14, 1796; James Paul, April 21, 1797; Williams Tobey, Jan. 27, 1804; Samuel French, from April 25, 1805, to March 5, 1807; Nathaniel Staples, March 31, 1807; Giles G. Chase, Sept. 27, 1809; Daniel Burt, July 25, 1816; Freeman Briggs, June 29, 1819; Nathaniel Townsend, March, 1822; Giles Leach, Sept. 9, 1826; Benj. F. Cornell, from May 28, 1831, to death, March 20, 1833. The company existed seven years after the death of Capt. Cornell, but no one was commissioned Captain, as the company would not elect a suitable person. For a time another company existed in the militia of Berkley. Captains' names as follows: John Dillingham, from Nov. 13, 1795; Luther Crane, from May 1, 1800; Ephraim French, from May 1, 1806; Dean Babbitt, from March 19, 1810; Barzillai Crane, from June 23, 1814; Adoniram Crane, from May 25, 1816, to promotion to Major, Sept. 18, 1817; Enoch Babbitt, from May 1, 1818; John Dean, from Aug. 3, 1822; Samuel Newhall, from Sept. 3, 1825, to the disbandment of the company by order of the Governor, April 12, 1828, when the non-commissioned officers and private soldiers were made a part of the company under Capt. Giles Leach. Part of a company of cavalry was raised in Berkley, and of that cavalry company Ezra Dean, of Berkley, was commissioned Captain, Sept. 26, 1806, and served about six years. The local militia of Berkley for many years was a part of the 2d Regiment, 2d Brigade, 5th Division, but in or near 1812 was made to constitute a part of the 4th Regiment, 2d Brigade, 16th Division. For that regiment was commissioned April 14, 1812, Joseph E. Reed, of Troy, Lieut.-Col. Commandant; Abraham Briggs, of Dighton, and Joseph Weaver, of Freetown, Majors.

commissioned Lieutenant; promoted to Captain, March, 1822. This company belonged to the 5th Reg't, 2d Brigade, 5th Division Mass. Militia. Regiment commanded by Col. Hercules Cushman; the Brigade by Brig.-Gen. Shepherd Leach, and the Division by Maj.-Gen. Benjamin Lincoln. Capt. Townsend was a representative to the General Court from Berkley and a Justice of the Peace.

(134) Sophronia, m. Benjamin Petty, of Taunton.
(135) Cyrus, m. Phebe Kempton, of New Bedford.
(136) Polly, m. Hiram Lewis, of Swansey.
(137) Eleanor, m. Alfred Case, of Rehoboth.

Dr. Philip Padelford and wife Betsey Macomber (No. 58) had:

(138) Elijah M., m. —— Goodwin. He was a physician.
(139) Eliza, m. —— Arnold, of Providence, R. I.
(140) Mary B. H., m. no one.
(141) Edward, lived at the south.
(142) Abigail, m. no one.

Ira Macomber (No. 77) and wife Abigail Read had:

(143) Angeline.

Asa A. Macomber (No. 79) and wife Hannah S. White had:

(144) Mary W., b. March 23, 1821; m. June 21, 1840, Louis S. Thompson, of Halifax. Thanks due her for information. He was a soldier in the Union army in the late war. He died Dec. 24, 1864.
(145) Lydia, b. Sept. 24, 1822; m. Nov. 24, 1854, Charles W. Padelford, of Taunton.
(146) Nathan, b. Oct. 15, 1824; d. Feb. 11, 1825.
(147) Samuel W., b. May 31, 1826; m. twice: first,

Nov. 24, 1854, Eliza Green, of Seekonk; second, Mrs. Sarah Benton.

(148) Charles.

Ebenezer Macomber (No. 80) and wife Louisa Burt had:

(149) Abigail, m. —— Chaffee.
(150) Bathsheba, m. —— Goff.
(151) Ebenezer, m. Wait Spooner.
(152) Edward, m. no one.

Lot Strange and wife Roxanna Macomber (No. 81) had:

(153) Joanna, b. March 19, 1826; m. April 15, 1857, Reuben Stone, of Newton, Mass. She died.
(154) Alice K., b. Sept. 18, 1830.
(155) Cornelia, b. Sept. 25, 1833; d. Feb. 21, 1852.
(156) Mary B., b. Nov. 24, 1835; m. E. Jerome Williams, of Berkley. Both are dead.

Lot, the parent, was a Selectman of Freetown one year; Assessor six years; School Committee six years; moderator of annual town meeting one year. He was a schoolteacher and a land surveyor. Also a farmer. Lived about a mile north of Assonet Village.

Rufus Macomber (No. 82) and wife Ruby Green had:

(157) George W.
(158) Eliza A., m. —— Presbrey.
(159) Edward.
(160) Ruby J.

Isaac Record and wife Bathsheba Macomber (No. 83) had:

(161) Clarinda, m. Hanan Brightman, of Fall River.
(162) Phineas, m.
(163) Charles, m.
(164) Abigail, m. Henry Dean, of Raynham.

Lieut. JOHN H. MACOMBER (No. 84) and wife PRUDENCE PEARCE had:

(165) Albert. Resides in Toledo, Ohio.

(166) Julia.

Lieut. John H. Macomber, the parent, resides on "Assonet Neck," in Berkley; is a farmer. Thanks due him for information.

DANIEL MACOMBER (No. 85) and wife MARY HOWLAND had:

(167) Phebe H., b. April 27, 1837; m. Dec. 27, 1864, William Fisher, of New Bedford. Reside in Freetown.

(168) Eliza E., b. Oct. 8, 1839; m. Oct. 29, 1863, William R. Dean, of Freetown. Reside in Assonet.

(169) Melinda W., b. May 3, 1841.

(170) Mary E., b. Jan. 17, 1843. Resides in F. River.

(171) Roxanna S., b. Dec. 13, 1844; m. July 28, 1868, Charles H. Read, of Freetown. Reside in Assonet.

(172) Daughter, d. young.

(173) Daughter, d. young.

(174) Harriet L., b. Dec. 28, 1850; m. June 22, 1871, Abraham T. Haskell, of Freetown. Reside in F. River.

(175) Daniel L., b. Dec. 28, 1850; d. July 18, 1863.

(176) Arabella F., b. Nov. 24, 1854. School teacher.

(177) Charles H., b. March 30, 1858.

DANIEL MACOMBER (No. 92) and wife ABIGAIL PEARCE had:

(178) Almira.

(179)

NATHANIEL MACOMBER (No. 98) and wife —— WESTON had:

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(181) Job, died unmarried. Buried in the Peirce family cemetery in Lakeville.

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Maj. Harry Jackson and wife Abigail Macomber (No. 99) had:

(183) Harriet.

Capt. Elias Sampson and wife Betsey Macomber (No. 115) had:

(184) Abiel M., m. —— Nelson, of Middleboro', now Lakeville. Of a company in local militia of that town, "Pond Company" so called, he was commissioned, July 22, 1816, as Ensign; promoted to Lieutenant June 7, 1820, and to Captain Oct. 17, 1820. Dismissed by sentence of court-martial.

(185) Elias. Resides in New Bedford.

In "Pond Company," so called, in Middleboro', Elias, the parent, was commissioned Captain, Aug. 31, 1801.

Capt. Nathaniel Townsend and wife Achsah Macomber (No. 133) had:

(186) Achsah, b. Dec. 23, 1822; m. Nov. 21, 1847, Julius C. Haskins, of East Taunton. He is a farmer.

(187) Nathaniel G., b. Oct. 27, 1824; m. Almira C. Leach, of Berkley.

(188) James M., d. young.

(189) John T., m. Hannah B. Seckell, of Taunton.

(190) Sophia A., m. Henry C. Pickens, of Lakeville.

Louis S. Thompson and wife Mary W. Macomber (No. 144) had:

(191) Asa L., b. March 23, 1841; d. Nov. 10, 1844.

(192) Charles M., b. March 4, 1842.

(193) Lydia A., b. June 24, 1844; m. April 20, 1871, Henry M. Harriden.

(194) Mary F., b. Dec. 20, 1846; m. June 15, 1873, Alexander Young.

(195) Hannah, b. Jan. 29, 1849; m. Sept. 29, 1873, Arioch A. Thompson.

(196) Asa L., b. Feb. 13, 1851.
(197) Henry G., b. Jan. 5, 1853.
(198) Sumner T., b. Sept. 2, 1855.
(199) Herbert S., b. Jan. 23, 1858.
(200) Willard, b. Dec. 12, 1861.
(201) Albert W., b. Oct. 3, 1863.

For this account of the family of Louis S. Thompson, the writer was indebted to Mrs. Mary W. Thompson, the mother.

William Fisher and wife Phebe H. Macomber (No. 167) had:

(202) Mary S.
(203) Irving L.

William R. Dean and wife Eliza E. Macomber (No. 168) had:

(204) Child, died.
(205) Frank W., b. Sept. 12, 1868.
(206) Katie N., b. July 12, 1871.

Charles H. Read and wife Roxanna S. Macomber (No. 171) had:

(207) Isabel, b. Oct. 1872.

This imperfect account of the Macomber family, embracing, as it does, notices of two hundred and six persons, the lineal descendants of John Macomber of Taunton and wife Anna Evans, undoubtedly falls far short of telling "the whole truth," even of their number, to say nothing of the omission of scores of their names and other interesting particulars in their personal histories, but is the best that the author, under the circumstances, was enabled to do, as he could not describe scenes or portray the story of events the knowledge of which was beyond his reach and out of his power to obtain.

If at this date, so much has been lost to view and gone from mind and memory, leaving no trace upon written or printed records, how meagre, indeed, must have been the gleanings had fifty years more of carelessness to the subject, and a half century of neglect and forgetfulness, been added to that oblivion which now exists! Continued apathy would have blotted out a great part of that herein presented, and many of the branches of the genealogical tree finding a root in John Macomber, and here described, would, to the inquirer, have been like the lost tribes of Israel, the knowledge of whose existence has perished, or whose end none can be found to tell.

This account, with all its imperfections, the writer presents as his offering of good will, and the token of his interest in and regard for a family in which originated one of his great-grandmothers, Elizabeth Macomber, the wife of William Rounsevill.

The Macomber family have, as a general thing, been rather taciturn, and not free or communicative with the writer on the subject of their genealogy and history. Whether this arose from their ignorance, either supposed or real, or their indifference to the matter, the author has not in his own mind determined, but it has had an injurious effect upon this production, from whatever cause it may have arisen.

Some honorable exceptions, however, exist to the rule of conduct cited, and it would be an act of gross injustice on my part to omit to notice these, and in this connection to tender my sincere thanks to such as still live and my acknowledgments for information received from those who are dead. First among these was the centenarian, Mrs. Sarah Atwood, of East Taunton, who (as before stated) I visited several times at her residence when she had attained to the remarkable age of one hundred and three years, and where were passed some of the most happy hours of my life, and the time, I think, was as profitably employed as agreeably spent.

Lieut. John Hathaway Macomber (No. 84 in this genealogy) was also helpful to me, and will please accept my thanks. To Rev. Enoch Sanford, of Raynham (No. 128), my obligations are especially due for the promptness of his reply in an intelligent account that he furnished in writing. Mr. Sanford is the historian of Berkley and Raynham. Also in this connection should be mentioned Mrs. Mary W. Thompson (No. 144), who freely contributed of her knowledge concerning her kindred in the flesh, and of whom, like her namesake of the Scripture, may it be that wherever this genealogy and family history shall be seen or read, "there also shall this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her."

Mr. George W. Read, of East Taunton, who served his country in the capacity of a soldier in the last war with England (or war of 1812, as sometimes called), although not himself a member of the Macomber family, has, from his long residence in their immediate neighborhood, become well advised concerning them. He has been free to communicate to me of his treasured gleanings, the fruits of his observation for many years, and the writer hopes that he may yet continue to live and add many more years to his usefulness.

The published records of the Old Colony have also been consulted, town records of Berkley and Dighton, and tables of stone marking the last earthly resting places of the dead.

No small amount of time was required, nor trivial labor, to collect and arrange these facts for publication, and with no hope or prospect of reward; but instead, the sacrifice of some money in addition to the time spent and labor bestowed, as not a member of the family encouraged me with so much as the promise of subscribing for a single copy of the book in which it appears.

I said no hope of reward, but I correct that; for I did "indulge a hope" that I should reap the reward of those

who sacrifice personal ease and private gratification for the attainment of a public good; a reward, by the way, that very few of the present age seek to attain, or ever realize the enjoyment of.

In what I have presented, it has been my endeavor neither to extenuate or set down aught in malice; and to those of my readers who shall decide that it ought to have been better, I will propound the question — Do I owe you anything that it is as good, or that it is not worse than it is? And if your information would have made it better, you are the very person or persons on whom the blame should fall; for by withholding your knowledge I was not able to avail myself of the power you possessed to benefit. Grumblers and faultfinders are generally the very persons who do the least, and that little very poorly; and this truth is well expressed in Æsop's Fables, where it was the worst wheel on the carriage that did all the creaking.

No history or genealogy of the Macomber family in print has preceded this, or if it has, is known to the writer or by him ever been heard of; and what he has herein presented, if serving no other purpose, will aid to a considerable degree any one that shall hereafter attempt to give to the world a full account of those of this surname who live or have lived in our country.

THE PEARCE FAMILY.

A FEW years since the writer of this account of the Pearces prepared and published, in book form, the genealogy of the "Peirce Family of the Old or Plymouth Colony," and now proposes to present a brief notice of those of the name who at an early date settled in the colony of Rhode Island, and spelled their surname with an *a* instead of an *i*. Besides these was the Massachusetts branch that spelled the name Pierce instead of Peirce, or different from either those of the Plymouth or Rhode Island colonies. What relation or connection by blood existed between these several branches the writer has not learned, and which, if either, are the descendants of the renowned "*cloth worker*" John Peirce, of London; but as in the case of the Peirces, my *paternal* ancestors, so now with the Pearces from whom I am descended maternally, I have confined my inquiries and labors to tracing an emigrant ancestor, leaving all pertaining to their transatlantic history to other inquirers, or to be sought for by myself in the future, should circumstances permit.

Richard Pearce appears to have been one of the first, and he was perhaps the earliest settler of that name in Rhode Island. To Richard the writer has succeeded in tracing (through his mother) in an unbroken genealogical chain, and that others may share with him in the benefits of that knowledge obtained, now publishes the result of his labor.

The reader will at a glance see that what herein appears is but a very small part of the history and genealogy of the lineal descendants of Richard Pearce and wife Susannah

Wright, but measurably and comparatively complete so far as pertains to the line through which I am descended.

If so much by self-sacrificing labor can be gleaned concerning one branch, how interesting and instructive would be the story of all the branches combined, if sought out and set forth with the same exactness and detail!

Richard Pearce and wife Susannah Wright had:

(2) Martha, b. Sept. 13, 1645; d. Feb. 24, 1744, aged 98 years, 5 months, 11 days.

(3) John, b. Sept. 8, 1647; was commissioned as an Ensign of militia; moderator of town meeting at Tiverton in 1705; m. Mary ——. He died Dec. 5, 1707, aged 60 years, 2 mos. and 27 days. Resided in Portsmouth, R. I., and afterwards in Tiverton. Said to have been a mason by trade. Gravestone still remains with legible inscription.

(4) Richard, b. Oct. 5, 1649. Tradition says that he removed to what is now the State of Maine, and then back to Bristol. A Richard Pearce, Jr. was made a freeman at Pemaquid in July, 1674.

(5) Giles, b. Jan. 22, 1651. There was a Giles Pearce at E. Greenwich in 1690, being that year a Representative from that town in the General Court.

(6) Susannah, b. Nov. 22, 1652; m. Dec. 4, 1673, George Brownell, of Portsmouth, R. I. She died Feb. 1743, aged 90 years. He was the son of Thomas Brownell and wife Ann ——.

(7) Mary, b. May 6, 1654; m. Thomas Brownell, Jr. She died May 4, 1736, aged about 82 years. He died May 18, 1732. Was son of Thos. Brownell and wife Ann ——.

(8) Jeremiah, b. Nov. 17, 1656.

(9) Isaac, b. Dec. 6, 1658.

(10) A son, still-born, July 7, 1661.

(11) George, b. July 10, 1662; d. Sept. 3, 1752, aged 90 years, 1 month, 28 days.

(12) Samuel, b. Dec. 22, 1664.

Richard Pearce, the parent, made a will in 1677, that was proved in Probate Court in 1678. Susannah, his wife, was a daughter of ~~George~~ Wright.

Ensign JOHN PEARCE (No. 3) and wife had:

(13) Mary, m. John Read, Jr., of Freetown. He was Town Clerk of Freetown for the long term of thirty-five years; elected to represent the town in the General Court in 1725 and 1728. Resided in that part of Freetown set off in 1803 and made Fall River.

(14) Susannah, m. Richard Woodall. She and her husband died before the date of the division of her father's estate, and perhaps before her father's death.

(15) Anna, b. Feb. 14, 1674; m. March 5, 1696, Capt. Amos Sheffield, of Tiverton, R. I. (then in Massachusetts). She died Nov. 27, 1706, aged 32 years, 9 months, 13 days. Capt. Amos Sheffield was Town Clerk of Tiverton, Selectman, Assessor, Treasurer, and Representative to the General Court.

(16) Sarah, m. —— Sherman.

(17) Elizabeth, m. —— Cook.

(18) Rachel, m. —— Cook.

(19) John. He died Jan. 1, 1755. Was called Captain.

Ensign John Pearce (No. 3), the parent, has a stone to mark his grave, on which the inscription is still legible.

The following is copied from the second book of the Probate Records of Bristol County, Mass.

A true Inventory of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Eſtate of John Pearce of Tiverton Deceaſed prized on the Twentyeth day of 10th month December 1707 by William Wilbore, George Pearce and Richard Borden as followeth.

	£	s.	d.
His housing and land	380	00	00
His wearing Cloaths	8	00	00
His two ſmall silver Cups and money	1	15	00

His Gun and Cane	2	10	00
His two Bibles with ſome other books	1	00	00
His Sadle and Brydle	1	00	00
His five beds and bedding thereunto	24	00	00
His 18 Cattle 6 cows 2 oxen 2 two year old 3 yearlings and 5 Calves	30	00	00
His Horſe Kind	12	00	00
His Eighteen sheep young and old	3	12	00
His Swine	1	4	00
His 21 Barrels of Cider	8	8	00
His 16 Gallons of Rum	2	4	00
His 5 bedsteds	1	5	00
His hay his forty bushels of corn	11	00	00
£ s. £ s. His meat 5 10 His puter 1 10	7	00	00
His 2 Iron potts and Iron Kettle, braſs Kettle and warming pan	2	16	00
His fire shovel, tongs fender, spit and tramel		16	00
His fryingpan Gridiron steelyards and skimer		12	00
His two tables and two Cheſts with ſome Lumber	2	00	00
His Box Iron and woſted combs, his chairs	1	16	00
His Tallow, his butter and Cheeſe	2	7	00
His Table Linen, his cartwheels, chains plowirons and shire, Tacklin	3	14	00
His Grindſtones and Hechel with the Reſt of the Lumber	1	4	00
His Negro Girle	9	00	00
	519	03	00

Mary Pearce widow, Relict of John Pearce late of Tiverton in ye County of Bristol deceaſed made Oath that the Inventory within written Contains the whole of ye Estate of y^e^ ſd Deceaſed dyed seized of and is come to her knowledge and when she knows of any more she will Reveal it and bring it to the Reg^r^ that it may be herewith entered and Recorded.

march 3. 1708 Jurr^t^ Coram N. Byfield.

John Cary, Reg^r^.

From the Probate Records of Bristol County, Book 2d, pages 285 and 286:

Order for ye making a Division of the houſes and lands and perſonal Eſtate of John Pearce late of Tiverton in ye County of Briſtol Yeoman Deceaſed Inteſtate.

By the Hon^{able} Nathl Byfield Esq^{e} Judge of Probate of wills &c within the County afores^{d}.

To Maj^{re} William Almy, Leut. Daniel Howland, Insign Edward Grey, William Manchester & Thomas Corey all ſufficient ffreeholders in the town of Tiverton within the County of Briſtol, Greeting &c.

Purſuant to an Act of the General Aſſembly Entitled An Act for the Settlement & Distribution of the Eſtates of Inteſtates, I do by theſe preſents Nominate appoint & Impower you William Almy, Daniel Howland, Edward Grey, William Manchester & Thomas Corey or any three of you to make a Division of the Eſtate of the above named John Pearce both Real & perſonal situate lying and being in Tiverton, in the county of Briſtol To and among his widow and Children and such as shall Legally Repreſent them if any of them be Dead according to the Direction mentioned and contained in the above Recited Act which you are ſworn to attend and make Return of your doings in observation hereof Together with this Order unto myſelf at the Reg^{rs} office in Briſtol hereof faile not, given under my hand in Briſtol the 24th Day of Jan^{ry} in the Eighth year of her Majesties Reign Annoqe Domini 1709.

Meſsrs Will: Almy, Daniel Howland, Edward Grey & Will: Manchester perſonally appearing this 24th day of Jan^{ry} 1709 in Briſtol made oath to the faithfull Discharge of the above betruſtment.

Jur^{t} Coram N. Byfield.

Division of the Eſtate of John Pearce late of Tiverton in the County of Briſtol Deceaſed Inteſtate both Real & perſonal.

Whereas the Hon^{able} Nathl Byfield Esq^{e} Judge of the Probate of wills &c within the County of Briſtol in her Maj^{ers} Province of the Maſsachusets Bay in New England In & by an order under his hand bearing date of ye 24 day of Jan^{ry} 1709 hath appointed & Impowered us whoſe names are hereunto ſubſcribed to make a division of the Eſtate Real & Perſonal left by John Pearce late of Tiverton in the County of Briſtol Deceaſed Inteſtate To & among his widow & Children & ſuch as shall Legally Repreſent them if any of them be Dead according to the Act of the General Aſsembly Intitled an Act for the settlement & Diſtribution of the Eſtates of Inteſtates,

We therefore being ſworn to attend the s^{d} Act in purſuance of the aforeſaid Order have made a Division of the houſes lands & moveables of the ſaid Deceaſed John Pearce in manner following that is to ſay,

To the widow Mary Pearce as her third part or Dower in the perſonal Eſtate of ſaid Deceaſed which by law is hers forever we set forth & Aſsign to her as followeth.

Firſt we set forth all the movables, houſehold goods to the widow the one third thereof hers forever as aforeſaid and the Remainder with

	£	s.	d.
the Negro Girle to Reimburſe	49	07	04

pay^{d} by her more than she hath received in Debts being Administratrix to the above Estate.

Likewiſe ſet out to the widow three Cowes & two four year old ſteers, three two year old heifers & one Mare & Colt; hers forever.

And alſo set forth in Division of the Real Eſtate the widow to have all ye Meadow & herbage on the Eaſt side of the Country Road to her own proper vſe as her Thirds of the Meadow belonging to ſaid Eſtate during life only Excepting to her son two thirds of the Aples growing thereon yearly.

Alſo have Divided the land to Extend by a line from between the two houſes to a heap of stones between two Rows of Apple trees, being four Rows on the west side thereof which part to the extent thereof Northward we set forth to the widow as her Thirds thereof During as aforeſaid.

Likewiſe ſaid widow Mary Pearce and her son hath mutually agreed that the paſture or feeding land belonging to s^{d} Eſtate shall be vsed by them by according to their ſeveral proportion or proportions which we Assent to.

Alſo have set out to ye widow the new or biggest houſe to herſelf with the new ſeller only Excepting out of said houſe her son John Pearce to have the vſe of the bed Room in the ſouth End of the Chamber thereof and it is to be understood the widow shall have Liberty to paſs & Repaſs to & from her ſaid Celler without Disturbance and alſo her son John to his said bed Room thro the other part of the houſe so long as they can agree peaceably otherwiſe to provide to himſelf another way.

The Remainder of lands both divided & undivided ſaid partys have agreed to Improve Jointly according to their ſeveral proportions thereof which we Agree to.

And further have set to Amos Sheffield being Guardian to his Children by late wife Anne Sheffield Deceaſed in full of their part of ſaid Estate, the one half of the 28th Right or lott in the Gore lying at the head of the houſe lotts & the one half of the 29th 120 acre lott in the ſecond Division in Pocaſſet purchaſe in Tiverton to them & Every of them their heirs and assigns forever, he paying to Mary, Suſannah & Sarah Woodall Daughters unto Richard Woodall by Suſannah his wife Deceaſed Daughter to the within mentioned John Pearce Deceaſed, one good Cow this time two year which will be in the year 1712.*

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* Richard Woodall and wife Susannah Peirce had:
Mary, born Oct. 14, 1691.
Susannah, Sarah, } twins, b. May, 1693. [Town Records of Tiverton.]

Likewiſe have set forth to Amos Sheffield being Guardian to the aforesd Mary, Suſannah and Sarah wodall in full of their part of ſaid Eſtate the one half of the 11th forty acre lotts, the one half of the 24th forty acre lott, the one half of the 28th Twenty five acre lott & half the 9th Twenty five acre lott to them and Every of them their heirs and assigns forever.

Thus far having performed and finding an agreement Amongst all the Remainder of the Children of John Pearce Deceaſed under hand and seal think it may suffice.

By us this fifth day of Aprill in the year 1710.

Briſtol ss. May the 3d 1710.

Then the above written Division and settlement of ye Eſtate both Real and perſonal belonging ſometime to John Pearce late of Tiverton in ye County aforeſaid was preſented to me, Nathaniel Byfield Esqe Judge of Probate of wills within the County aforesd By mr Edward Gray of Tiverton which being peruſed is approved and allowed & ordered to be of Record. N. Byfield.

widow Mary Pearce upon whose motion this order for Division was granted was ordered to pay the men Imployed therein for their paynes at the Rate of 3s pe day.

Attest John Cary, Regiſter.

Here follows a farther account of Mary Pearce of Tiverton Adminst to the Eſtate of John Pearce of sd Tiverton Deceaſed as to what of her late husbands Eſtate hath been formerly given to and amongst his Children in his life time which the Law of this Province Provids for that it shal be considered in the division of Intestate Estates that is to say,

	£	s.	d.
To my Daughter Mary Reed			
one bed & beding	5	00	00
one Cow and two ſwine	2	17	00
An Iron Kettle & a frying pan		16	00
To Cash 6 ſ: to ſmall houſehold stuff	1	3	00
	9	16	00

To my Daughter Susanah woodall			
Deceasd			
To one bed and beding	6	00	00
To one Cow and Eight sheep	4	18	00

one wheel, Chairs, Tramel, one ſow & pigs			1 03 00
To flax, sheeps wooll, Ind. corn & a barll of Cider			1 02 00
one Bible, Cloath, peuter Earthen weare & other houſe hold stuff			2 17 00
			16 00 00

To my Daughter Anne
Sheffield Deceaſed

half a houſe lott in Tiverton			8 00 00
Two beds and Bedding			6 05 06
To Cash			1 00 00
To a Cow & Calfe and a ſow & Piggs			3 19 00
To a bible, to Chist, box Iron pot			1 05 00
To other houſehold stuff			17 00
			21 06 06

To my Daughter
Sarah Sherman

To a bed and beding			5 06 00
one Cow five ſwine one pott & Kettle & frying Pann			6 04 06
more a ſmal houſehold stuff			1 06 02
			12 16 8

To my Daughtr Elizabeth Cooke

To one bed and beding			5 00 00
To a Cow and Calfe			3 00 00
A yearling horſe			1 10 00
To one pott & a Kettle a Tramel & Chairs			1 03 06
one ſow and piggs & house hold stuff			2 03 08
			12 02

More to my Daughter
Rachel Cooke

To two Mares	3	00	00
one Chest and a Coverled	0	17	00
	3	17	00

To John Pearce onely ſon of my late husband			
To a young horſe	1	10	00
To a Chest		6	00
	1	16	00

The Adminis^{tx} Desireth Allowance for theſe following Disburſements

To Allowing of Account & a Cittation	00	06	00
To Richard Burden pay^{d} a Debt		3	00
To Daniel Howland a Debt pay^{d}		6	00
To Daughter Rachel a debt due from the estate	1	00	00
To fine & of Raites at 6 shillings p^{d} & put into a fence	1	10	00
To the Reg^{e}		6	00
To Charge of Administ^{x} ſeveral journies to Bristol wth ferriage and other Expenſes	2	00	00
	5	11	00

MARY PEARCE.

Mrs. Mary Pearce Administ^{x} to the Estate of mr. John Pearce of Tiverton on ye 7th day of Sept. 1709 preſented the above written account both of Disburſements and otherwiſe and made oath thereto as a Juſt and true Account of Debts pay^{d} and Estate given to the ſeveral Children above mentioned before the Hon^{able} Nath^{a} Byfield Esqr Judge of Probate of wills &c within the County of Bristol which was peruſed by the ſaid Judge and allowed of and to be of Record.

N. BYFIELD.

GEORGE BROWNELL and wife SUSANNAH PEARCE (No. 6) had:

(20) Susannah, b. Jan. 25, 1677; m. March 29, 1727, John Read, Jr. of Freetown. He was Town Clerk of Freetown thirty-five years. She died Monday, Aug. 25, 1735.

(21) Sarah, b. June 14, 1681.

(22) Mary, b. Dec. 8, 1683; m. William Hall.

(23) Martha, b. Feb. 18, 1686; m. Nov. 27, 1712, Samuel Forman.

(24) Thomas, b. June 1, 1688.

(25) Joseph,* b. Dec. 5, 1690; m. Jan. 5, 1717, Ruth Cornell. He was a member of the General Court of Rhode Island six years. They were the great-great-grandparents of the writer of this genealogy.

(26) Wait, b. Oct. 3, 1693; m. Sept. 27, 1717, Joshua Sanford.

(27) Stephen, b. Dec. 3, 1695; m. Dec. 12, 1726, Martha Earl.

Thomas Brownell, Jr., and wife Mary Pearce (No. 7) had:

(28) Thomas, b. Feb. 16, 1679.

(29) John, b. Feb. 21, 1682.

(30) George, b. Jan. 19, 1685. Was a Lieutenant.

(31) Jemima, b. Oct. 10, 1689.

(32) Mary, b. March 22, 1692.

(33) Charles, b. 1694; d. 1694.

John Read, Jr., and wife Mary Pearce (No. 13) had:

(34) Mary, b. Nov. 19, 1690; m. Jan. 22, 1728, Samuel Forman.† He was a Selectman of Freetown twenty-two years; Assessor fifteen years; moderator of the annual town meeting fifteen years; and Representative to the General Court two years.

(35) John, b. June 12, 1694; m. Oct. 31, 1719, Mrs. Sarah Borden.

(36) Thomas, b. May 9, 1696.

(37) Hannah, b. Oct. 12, 1697.

(38) William, b. Sept. 9, 1699.

(39) Oliver, b. Oct. 14, 1701; m. Martha Durfee.

(40) Penelope, b. Oct. 12, 1703; m. twice: first, Feb.

* Their son, Joseph Brownell, b. April 26, 1720, was a Justice of the Peace. He m. Dec. 22, 1742, Rebecca Tripp, of Portsmouth, R. I. They had a daughter Amy, born Sept. 8, 1760, who married, in 1783, Col. Benjamin Weaver, of Freetown, and their daughter Joanna Weaver, b. May 8, 1786, m. Ebenezer Peirce, Esq., and the last named were the parents of the writer of this family history and genealogy.

† Samuel Forman was buried in that part of Fall River called "Steep Brook," and grave marked by a slate stone bearing an inscription that the writer has seen.

3, 1726, Stephen Borden; second, July 3, 1739, John Bowen, of Tiverton.

(41) Jonathan, b. Jan. 23, 1705.
(42) Joseph, b. March 5, 1708; m. Grace Pray.*
(43) Sarah, b. Feb. 1, 1710.
(44) Nathan, b. Feb. 23, 1711.
(45) Susannah, b. Sept. 27, 1715.

Richard Woodall and wife Susannah Pearce (No. 14) had:

(46) Mary, b. Oct. 14, 1691.
(47) Susannah, } twins, b. May, 1693.
(48) Sarah, }

The parents died while these children were yet in their infancy, and Capt. Amos Sheffield was appointed their guardian. [See Probate Records of Bristol County.]

Capt. Amos Sheffield† and wife Anna Pearce (No. 15) had:

(49) Susan, b. Oct. 11, 1697.
(50) John, b. Jan. 8, 1699; m. Aug. 30, 1722, Martha Taber.
(51) Mary, b. April 2, 1701.
(52) Ruth, b. Monday, Jan. 10, 1704, about one o'clock in the afternoon; m. April 11, 1723, Benjamin Weaver, of Freetown, and afterwards of Swansea, that part now Somerset. He made a will dated Nov. 19, 1774, and an inventory of his estate was taken Feb. 25, 1775, which shows that he must have died between those dates. They resided in what was then Swansea, now Somerset.

* Joseph Read and wife Grace Pray were the parents of Capt. Benjamin Read, Captain of first company of militia of Freetown, from 1776 to 1781. His immediate successor as Captain of that company was Benjamin Weaver, a grandson of Benjamin Weaver and wife Ruth Sheffield. Benjamin Weaver and wife Ruth Sheffield had a son Benjamin, Jr., who married Joanna Barnaby of Freetown, and they had a son Benjamin Weaver who was a Revolutionary soldier, a Captain and Lieut.-Colonel. Col. Weaver was grandfather to the writer of this genealogy, his mother's father.

† Amos, the parent, was Town Clerk of Tiverton; Selectman and Assessor, Treasurer, and Representative to General Court.

Their son, Benjamin Weaver, Jr., married Joanna Barnaby, of Freetown, and had a son Benjamin who married Amy Brownell, of Portsmouth, R. I., and they had a daughter Joanna Weaver who married Ebenezer Pearce, Esq., and were the parents of the writer.

For a copy of the last will and testament of Capt. Amos Sheffield, see Sheffield Genealogy. That will bore date of April 17, 1707, and was proved in Probate Court, June 9, 1710. But between these dates, viz., in 1708, Capt. Sheffield married a second wife, and on the 8th day of Dec. 1709, had another child born, which circumstance made it lawful as well as necessary to change somewhat the disposition of his property to suit the altered condition of his family affairs.

Capt. John Pearce (No. 19) and wife had:

(53) John, died at sea.

Though brevity may be the soul of wit, it is not the thing chiefly to be desired in a genealogy, that the reading world seem quite unanimously to have determined should at least in a measure compare in its length and partake of the prolixity described by the great Apostle to the Gentiles, under the term of "*endless genealogies.*" This, we suppose will, by the Pearces, if not by others, be considered altogether too brief, and the writer will, perhaps, fall under the censure of having raised a hope only to disappoint the same, and an expectation that is not realized.

But a careful reader cannot have failed to notice, that at the outset and in the introductory remarks on the Pearce family, the writer was careful not to raise any "great expectations," and to disavow all claim to any extended knowledge of the same, and state that the description would, like his investigations, be confined to that line of genealogical descent coming from the emigrant in a direct line or channel to himself, and thus putting in practice the charity that begins at home, and which, for the lack of further knowledge on the matter, has been forced to remain there.

THE RICHMOND FAMILY.

JOHN RICHMOND, the emigrant ancestor of this American branch of the Richmond family, was born in or about 1594, and must therefore have been some twenty-six years of age at the date of the first European settlement in New England.

The christian name of his wife the writer has never learned, but takes it for granted that he had a wife, as the evidence is extant that he acknowledged the paternity of four children, viz., two sons and two daughters. The "last will and testament" of John Richmond bore date of Dec. 14, 1663, and his death occurred March 20, 1664. Joseph Wilbore and Shadrach Wilbore were witnesses to that will, which was recorded in Plymouth, although probably executed at Taunton. No record remains (so far as I know) of the dates of his children's births, but one is arrived at incidentally, viz., that of his daughter Mary, whose gravestone in the ancient cemetery in Berkley informs that she died Oct. 3, 1715, aged 76 years. Mary therefore must have been born in or about 1639, or some nineteen years after the first landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth, and when her father had attained to the age of 45 years.

JOHN RICHMOND and wife had:

(2) John.

(3) Mary, b. 1639; m. William Paule, a Scotchman, who was residing in that part of Taunton now Berkley, and not far from the present residence of Peter L. Chase. The marks of his cellar are still discernable, or were not long

since, and I am told that an apple tree sprung up and grew to maturity therein, which fact was cited by one of the lineal descendants of William Paule to prove that the latter loved cider. William Paule d. Nov. 9, 1704, aged 80 years. He must have been born in or near 1624. Mary, his wife, d. Oct. 3, 1715. [See gravestones.]

(4) Edward.

(5) Sarah, m. Edward Rew. He died July 16, 1678; and she m. second, Nov. 4, 1678, James Walker, Sen. She must have been in haste to marry, to appear as a bride in a little more than three months after being made a widow, and we should think that James Walker run the risk of living to "*rue* the day" that he became the husband of such a Mrs. Rew.

John Richmond, Jr., like his father, acknowledged the paternity of a family of children, but the name of his wife and his children's mother doth not appear, and therefore the writer can be no more explicit than to say John Richmond (No. 2) and wife had children as follows:

(6) Mary, b. at Bridgewater, June 2, 1654; m. Jan. 1, 1679, Richard Godfrey, of Taunton. He was a son of Richard Godfrey and wife —— Turner. Richard Godfrey and wife Mary Richmond had a daughter Abigail, b. Nov. 5, 1684, m. Henry Hoskins, of Taunton, a blacksmith, and their daughter Mary Hoskins, b. Oct. 8, 1711, m. Dec. 13, 1728, Ebenezer Peirce, of that part of Middleboro' now Lakeville, and this Ebenezer and wife Mary were the great-grandparents to the writer of this genealogy and family history, and to which circumstance the public owe the perusal of the facts I have been enabled to gather concerning the early members of the Richmond family in America.

(7) John, b. at Bridgewater, June 6, 1656. Doubtless he died before Dec. 1673.

(8) Thomas, b. at Newport, R. I., Feb. 2, 1658; d. Dec. 14, 1705. A rough, dark-colored stone, standing in the

ancient cemetery in Berkley, marks the grave of Edward Richmond, and informs that he died Dec. 14, 1705.

(9) Susanna, b. at Bridgewater, Nov. 4, 1661; m. April 18, 1683, James Read, of Taunton.

(10) Josiah, b. at Taunton, Dec. 8, 1663.

(11) Edward, b. at Taunton, Feb. 8, 1665.

(12) Samuel, b. at Taunton, Sept. 23, 1668.

(13) Sarah, b. at Taunton, Feb. 26, 1670; m. Oct. 6, 1699, Ensign James Walker. He died Sept. 12, 1749, aged 74 years, 8 months, 19 days. She died Nov. 27, 1727, aged 57 years. [See Walker Genealogy.]

(14) John, b. at Taunton, Dec. 5, 1673.

(15) Ebenezer, b. at Newport, R. I., May 12, 1676.

(16) Abigail, b. at Newport, Feb. 26, 1678.

So little has the writer been enabled to collect concerning John Richmond (No. 1) and his son John Richmond (No. 2), their character, standing in society, &c., that it is impossible to come to any reliable conclusion as to how they regarded the circumstance and fact that the daughter of one and sister of the other became the wife of William Paule the Scotchman. We should think, however, from the best evidence obtained, that it was a source of mortification and serious trouble.

Mary Richmond (No. 3), at the date of her marriage with William Paule, must have been about 18 years of age, and he 33, or fifteen years her senior, almost twice her own age. Now had he been particularly witty, wealthy or wise, she, a young girl in the height of her charms, might have had some excuse for accepting as a lover one so near a parent in years; but the records of those olden times give us no intimation that such was the fact, but on the contrary, that William Paule was neither good or great, witty, wealthy or wise. William Paule, as we learn his character from the colonial records, was, in the parlance of the present day, a "*scaliwag*," the slave of several most detestable vices, one whose evil communications corrupted good manners,

and was led captive by his lusts for "wine and women." This William Paule and John Hathway* appear to have been among the earliest European settlers in that part of Berkley bordering upon Assonet Neck,† and these, with Timothy Holloway,‡ made a trio from whom the red remnants of the original owners of the soil had not much to learn that was good, nor could the heathen Indian profit by those white men's christian example.

The first or earliest public record of William Paule's disgraceful conduct that has come to the writer's notice, may be found upon the court records of Plymouth Colony, and under date of Feb. 8, 1656.

Att this Court the cunstable of Taunton brought a certaine Scote a single man and an Irish woman named Katheren Aimes whome hee had apprehended vpon sufpition of comiting adultery each with the other but the Court having examined them could not proceed to punish them for want of clearer evidence but having intelligence that sundry in Taunton could give evidence in the case whoe were not pfant the Court comited the faid man and woman to the custidy of the marshals Vntill the next Court.

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* John Hathway was in that part of Taunton now Berkley, as early as 1649, when he was fined for lending his gun to an Indian; also fined for a breach of the peace in 1663; prosecuted by William Paul in 1672 on the charge of pulling up bound marks.

In 1637 we find that a John Hathway, of Massachusetts colony, and Robert Allen were accused of committing the crime of adultery with Margaret the wife of Edward Searle, and at the examination before the Grand Jury Junc 6, 1637, James Pen and Samuel Coles testified that Hathway had confessed his guilt to them, and Hathway after a proper trial was convicted Sept. 19, 1637, and sentenced passed March 12, 1638, in words following:

"It is ordered that the 3 adulterers John Hathwey, Robt. Allen and Margaret Searle shal be severely whiped & banished never to returne again vpon paine of death."

Now whether John Hathwey of Massachusetts Colony in 1638 was identical with the John Hathway of Plymouth colony in 1649, we are not informed.

† It was Taunton at that date, but in 1735 made Berkley. May 30, 1712, Assonet Neck was detached from Taunton and made part of Dighton, and about 84 years later detached from Dighton and annexed to Berkley.

‡ From the Court Record of Plymouth Colony and under date of March 1, 1663-4, we find, "Timothy Hollowey of Taunton for misdemenor in frequent kising the wife of John Hathewey and being att the house of said Hathewey att vnseasonable time and for neglecting to appear att court according to sumons fined twenty shillings."

March 5th 1656.

William Paule Scotchman for his vnclean and filthy behavior with the wife of Alexander Aines is centanced by the Court to be forthwith publickly whipt which accordingly was performed.

The court also ordered that William Paule should pay the expenses of his imprisonment, and remunerate the officer for the act of administering to him the public punishment of the lash.

James Walker and William Harvey appointed by the Court to review in the countrys behalf the public whipping of William Paule.

1657 Oct. 6th.

The Court ordered that William Paule and his wife be forthwith expelled the towne.

In 1663 William Paule was fined ten shillings for drunkenness, and the ancient record further adds:

The fame Paule for breach of the peace three Shillings and forepence and for prophane swearing that hee fet in the stocks and for not appearing to his fummons he is fined twenty shillings.

It is from public, official and duly attested records that this unwelcome account comes, and from which we learn what manner of man William Paule was, and how he was regarded by his contemporaries.

William Paule and wife Mary Richmond (No. 3) had:

(17) James, b. April 7, 1657.

(18) John,* b. July 10, 1660; m. May 26, 1692, Dorothy Walker. He died March 23, 1718. She died Sept. 8, 1741.

* John Paul (No. 18) and wife Dorothy Walker had a daughter Joanna who became the wife of James Nichols, and also a daughter Dorothy who married Charles Josselyn.

Charles Josselyn and wife Dorothy Paul had a son Charles, who fell through the ice on the Assonet River, and was drowned; a son Thomas who was married to Sarah Tew, of Berkley; and a daughter Joanna, born March 31, 1728, married Feb., 1746, John Strange, master mariner of Newport and Freetown; John Strange died June 4, 1776, Joanna his wife died March 16, 1813. She was one of the original 12 female members of the 1st Christian Church in Freetown, formed May 14, 1807. John and wife Joanna were the parents of Capt. John Strange, who died in Freetown, Feb. 7, 1845, and to whom the writer was indebted for a large amount of information concerning men and things in this locality, the gleanings of Capt. Strange's long life of more than ninety-one years, and fruits of his remarkably retentive memory.

(19) Edward, b. Feb. 7, 1664; m. Aug. 23, 1693, Esther Babbitt. He died July 15, 1740. She died June 15, 1761, in her 84th year. [See gravestones.]

(20) Mary, b. Feb. 8, 1667.

(21) Sarah, b. July 5, 1668.

(22) Abigail, b. May 15, 1673; m. Oct. 18, 1697, Joseph Wood.

In the ancient cemetery of Berkley, near the former residence of Jabez Fox, Esq., and adjoining the old brigade muster field,* stands a rough brown stone bearing an inscription all in capital letters, and as a silent messenger still pointing out the last earthly resting place of William Paule, the Scotchman of unpleasant memory.

Here through summer's heat and winter's cold, one hundred and seventy years has stood this stubborn and unyielding old stone, too hard almost to acquire moss, constantly and continually imparting its story, that

HERE. LIES. THE. BODY. OF.

WILLIAM. PAUL. AGED.

80. YEAR. DIED. NOVEMBER.

THE. 9. DAY. IN. THE. YEAR. 1704.

That is the oldest inscription the writer has been able to find among sepulchral monuments in Berkley. The grave of Mary, wife of William Paul, is near his, and is also marked with a rough, brown stone, bearing a coarse but still legible inscription.

I think the Hathaways and Pauls were the first who were

* The last brigade muster on these premises came off in the autumn of 1828. The writer, then a small child, being led by his father was there and remembers the circumstance well.

The brigade consisted of 4 regiments of infantry, a battalion of cavalry and a battalion of artillery. Cromwell Washburn, of Taunton, was Brig. Gen. Colonels of infantry, Wm. Peck, of Dighton, Lysander Washburn, of New-Bedford, Hervey Harnden, of Troy (now Fall River), Ira K. Miller, of Attleborough, and Richard Borden, of Troy (now Fall River). Major of cavalry, Jonathan Bliss, of Attleborough; Major of artillery, Seneca Sanford, of Attleborough.

buried here, and perhaps the line fence dividing the farms of John Hathaway and William Paul run through nearly in the middle of what is now quite an extensive cemetery.

RICHARD GODFREY, JR., and wife MARY RICHMOND (No. 6) had:

(23) Alice, b. Aug. 20, 1679; m. —— Gushee.

(24) Richard, b. March 1, 1681; m. Dec. 15, 1709, Bathsheba Walker. They were the parents of that distinguished man, Richard Godfrey, of Taunton, a Captain in Col. Timothy Ruggles's* regiment in the French and Indian war. [See roll of his company on page 64 this book, and diary of its marching and fighting, from page 109 to 114, inclusive, of the genealogy of the "Peirce Family of the Old Colony."] Capt. Richard Godfrey was promoted to Major of Col. Thomas Doty's Regiment at a subsequent period in that war. [See "Peirce Family of Old Colony," page 118.]

(25) Mary, b. May, 1682.

(26) Abigail, b. Nov. 5, 1684; m. Henry Hoskins, of Taunton, blacksmith. He was b. Oct. 12, 1686, and was a son of William Hoskins, of Taunton, a soldier in the Narraganset war, grandson of William Hoskins the emigrant, who resided in Plymouth. Abigail d. Nov. 4, 1755. Great-great-grandparents to the writer of this genealogy.

(27) Joanna, b. July 30, 1686; m. —— Burt.

(28) Sarah, b. May 15, 1689; m. Peter Walker, of Taunton. He was b. in or about 1690, and d. Jan. 7, 1770. [See Walker Genealogy.]

(29) John, b. Oct. 31, 1691; m. Feb. 2, 1716, Joanna Goodwin, of Dighton. He was commissioned in or before

* This was Timothy Ruggles of Hardwick. He arrived to the honor, rank and commission of a Brigadier General, but in the war of Revolution became very unpopular, and when on a visit to New-Bedford (then Dartmouth), in 1774, the main and tail of his horse were cut off, and the animal's body besmeared with paint. He was glad to get off with these indignities, as he was threatened with personal violence.

1744 as a Justice of the Peace; consummated a large number of marriages; commissioned captain of militia in 1745; died Nov. 4, 1758. His wife died March 9, 1765. They were the parents of that very distinguished man, George Godfrey, Esq., of Taunton, County Treasurer, and the first or earliest Brigadier General of the local militia of Bristol County, and who commanded a brigade in actual service in the war of the American Revolution. [See page 84, Godfrey Genealogy.]

(30) Joseph, b. March 1, 1695; d. unm.

Samuel Richmond (No. 12) and wife had:

(31) Samuel, b. in Taunton, Oct. 16, 1695.
(32) Oliver, b. in Taunton, Aug. 25, 1697.
(33) Thomas,* b. in Middleboro', Sept. 10, 1700.
(34) Hannah, b. Aug. 29, 1702.
(35) Lydia, b. May 14, 1704.

The above names and dates are from the Town Records of Middleboro', as copied by Mr. Cyrus Orcutt, and published in Vol. V. of N. E. H. and G. Register.

Note.—The town records of Dighton contain the following—but what relation these bore to the Richmond family before noticed, the writer does not know.

Josiah Richmond and wife Elizabeth had:

Abigail, b. Jan. 31, 1731.
Mary, b. June 11, 1732.
Margaret, b. June 10, 1737.

By wife Joanna.

Josiah, b. June 13, 1750.
Joanna, b. Feb. 3, 1753.

Ensign James Walker and wife Sarah Richmond (No. 13) had:

(36) James, b. in or about 1703; d. Aug. 11, 1761. Lost his life in a well he was digging.

* A Thomas Richmond, of Middleborough, married Mary Dodson, of Freetown, that part now Fall River, and they had a son Samuel who married —— Booth, and a son Jonathan who married Priscilla Thurston.

(37) Peter, b. 1704; m. Helen Baylies. He d. Aug. 6, 1762. [See Walker Genealogy.]

(38) Eliakim, b. in or about 1705; m. Mary ——. He held the commission of an Ensign. He died Feb. 21, 1785.

(39) Elnathan, b. in or about 1706; m. three times: first, Hannah Crossman; second, Bethia Tisdale; third, Mrs. Phebe King. He was deacon of the Congregational Church in Dighton; Selectman of that town six years; Representative to General Court eight years. Called Colonel as early as 1761. Probably a Lieut.-Colonel* of 2d Reg't Bristol Co. Militia.

To the writer of this brief sketch of the Richmond family it would have been the source of gratification to have searched out and in this connection to have shown what relation or connection by blood existed between those herein named and Col. Sylvester Richmond,† of Dighton, who led the Bristol County regiment in the expedition to Cape Breton in

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* The Lieutenant-Colonels of Second Regiment Bristol County Militia, and dates of commissions as nearly as the writer of this book has been able to ascertain, were as follows:

Ebenezer Hathaway, of Freetown, from about 1749; Thomas Gilbert, of Berkley, from about 1755 to 1758, when he was dismissed with censure and disgrace; Abiel Terry, of Freetown, from 1758; Elnathan Walker, of Dighton, from about 1761; Job Winslow, of Dighton, 1762; James Winslow, of Freetown, July 25, 1771; John Hathaway, of Berkley, Feb. 7, 1776, to June 9, 1778; Sylvester Richmond, of Dighton, June 9, 1778; Joseph Durfee, of Freetown (now Fall River), July 1, 1781; Benjamin Weaver, of Freetown, from July 10, 1788, to March, 1793; Robert Earle, of Westport, from May 20, 1794, to 1799; Sylvester Brownell, of Westport, from 1799; John Spooner, of New-Bedford, from Sept. 19, 1803; Joseph E. Read, of Freetown, from June 2, 1807, to April 14 1812; Edward Pope, Jr., of New-Bedford, 1812, to July 3, 1815; Thomas F. Terry, from July 3, 1815; Nathaniel Thompson, Sept. 8, 1818; Harrison G. Church; Lysander Washburn, to July 28, 1827; Seth Cartee, of New Bedford, July 28, 1827; James D. Thompson, of New Bedford, from July 10, 1830, to Sept. 13, 1831; Henry H. Crapo, of New Bedford, from Sept. 13, 1831, to March 1, 1834; David Sylvester, of New Bedford, from March 1, 1834, to Aug. 10, 1836; Stephen W. Taber, of New Bedford, from Aug. 10, 1836, to April 24, 1840, when the regiment was disbanded by an act of the Legislature.

† Col. Sylvester Richmond was High Sheriff of Bristol County. Buried in Dighton. Has a gravestone bearing an inscription that the writer has seen.

1745, and Col. Ezra Richmond,* a Colonel in the French and Indian war, some twelve years later, and Sylvester Richmond, a Lieut.-Colonel in the patriot service of the Revolution; but time has failed me to learn it all, and not a single person of the family or name has offered a helping hand; and therefore, what is already given must suffice for my unaided part of the labor to perpetuate a knowledge of the names and acts of that branch of the Richmond family whose emigrant ancestor settled in the Old or Plymouth Colony.

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* An anecdote related to the author by his mother may properly find a place here. She said that she well remembered Col. Ezra Richmond, and also his near neighbor Dr. William Baylies, of Dighton. Dr. Baylies was father of Hon. Francis and Hon. William Baylies. The Doctor had the reputation of being a great eater, and my mother said that Col. Richmond and Dr. Baylies were dining at her father's, when the Doctor said, "Col. Richmond, I would thank you to pass me the bread; I eat a great deal of bread with my meat." To which the Colonel replied, "Yes, and I think a great deal of meat with your bread." The Doctor seemed to relish his dinner, as all at the table did the joke.

THE ROGERS FAMILY.

While examining authorities required to obtain a proper knowledge of those facts that have enabled me to present the following sketch of the Rogers family, how frequently and forcibly have I been reminded of my early youth, the thoughts and acts of juvenile years, and been made for the thousandth, and, perhaps, ten thousandth time to realize—

"How dear to my heart are the scenes of my childhood."

Full well do I remember that snowy day in winter when, for the first time, I attended the district school, and that I was carried to and from that popular institution of learning on the back of a much older boy,* who, to please my childish fancy, put a string of sleigh-bells about his neck and tried to imitate a horse; and that in the first attempt of the pedagogue† to

"Teach" my "young idea how to shoot,"

'twas found that I knew not a single letter of the alphabet from A to Z; but not content to appear ignorant, I voluntarily suggested to the teacher that I did know the name of the next and closing character, which he had omitted to notice, thus proving that

"A little learning is a dangerous thing,"

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* Joshua Wilbur, a son of Darius Wilbur, of Freetown.

† Joseph B. Weaver, of Freetown, was the teacher. The school-house stood directly in front of where the Christian Chapel now does, and on the same side of the street. This school-house was in 1833 removed to a spot near the town pound, and there remained until sold to Mrs. Rachel Plumer.

by causing to be asked to show my proficiency, and proudly answering, "and pussy cat," that instead as I intended and expected would astonish the whole school, thus by an actual demonstration led to wonder at my attainments, I was overwhelmed with laughter and ridicule that on a larger scale has oft been repeated, and in my personal history bitterly realized, for

"Men are but children of a larger growth."

The reader will pardon if upon the subject of childhood I seem a little childish, and dwell upon things comparatively non-essential, and bear with patience as I add that the "little book" in which I was "seeking knowledge" had pictures that interested me much more than the A B C foundations and first rudiments of my proposed education.

There was a picture to represent man's first departure from the good, and becoming allied to evil, with the couplet—

"By Adam's fall
We sinned all,"

an assertion containing neither truth nor poetry. Then followed that unpleasant teaching, not rendered palatable to my young mind, even when dealt out and communicated in rhyme, that

"Xerxes the great did die,
And so must you and I."

And then that (then true, but now untrue) assertion—

"The idle fool
Is whipt at school,"

which was of great practical value to me, as I always had a great distaste and aversion to suffering such a punishment, and in all my school days (although notoriously lazy by disposition) I was never idle in practice.

But in that "primer" was another, a larger, and as I then thought (and still continue to think), sadder picture, one that interested me no less than the portrait of the

defunct Xerxes, and, if possible, pained me even more — a representation of one of the many acts of

"Man's inhumanity to man,"

that cause so many countless thousands to mourn, the mourners on this occasion being chiefly confined to a wife (soon to be a widow) and her nine children, including a babe at the breast, as they witnessed the fortitude of a husband and father suffering martyrdom by the torture of fire, being burned alive, and rendering his name on earth immortal, as his soul winged its way to heaven from his ashes around the Smithfield stake.

A few years later, and while yet a young lad (for I was a boy, and did not become a young man as soon as divested of bib and diaper), my father told me that his grandmother told him she was a lineal descendant of the Smithfield martyr, through one of those children I had pitied so much as I contemplated their sad condition depicted in the primer. And there the matter rested with me for many a long year. I neither added to or profited by the knowledge transmitted to me from my father's grandmother, in fact I had ceased for so long to shed tears over the picture as almost to have forgotten I had on that account ever wept at all, until initiating this attempt to prepare a genealogical account of the Rogers family, when at almost every step I have been reminded of that scene of martyrdom of which their progenitor was the subject, and the effect its contemplation had on my juvenile mind, and through my honored father and his honored grandmother I have travelled back, both in my thoughts and feelings, to the days of the bloody and persecuting reign of detestable old Queen Mary, of hateful character and damnable memory, until I have almost fancied that I felt the scorch of those flames that consumed the flesh and from its earthly tenement set free the soul of that eloquent English divine, John Rogers, who there and then complied with God's command to "Come up higher."

Our genealogical account commences with John Rogers of Marshfield or Duxbury, who, if not an emigrant, was the son of an emigrant.

The christian name of the martyr seems to have been very popular with his lineal descendants, the early comers to America, and their immediate descendants, and hence the Johns soon became comparatively numerous in the Rogers families of the Plymouth and "Bay" colonies. The Mayflower in her first passage brought a Thomas Rogers, who debarked with the Pilgrim band when

> "The angry waves dashed high
> On a stern and rock-bound coast,
> And the woods against a stormy sky
> Their giant branches tossed."

But he was among those who fell a sacrifice to the rigors of the climate and manifold privations of that distressing first winter, when one-half of that brave company of pioneers, who, here in a foreign and savage land, sought

> "Freedom to worship God,"

found an asylum in the grave, "where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest."

A Joseph Rogers was among those to whom the Pilgrims allotted land in 1623, and there was a John Rogers among the early proprietors of Duxbury. This John went to Scituate and finally to Weymouth, where, in 1661, he died. He is doubtless identical with a John Rogers, said to be of Duxbury, who made a will dated Feb. 1, 1660.

John Rogers, of Marshfield, was the ancestor of that branch of the family we herein propose to consider, and from the data obtained we are led to believe must have been born about 1628 (and before that date rather than afterward). He may, therefore, have been a young man or a child at his coming to America, or may have been born here, and which we do not know. From him, in genealogical descent, we are indebted to and rely upon records, and to tradition have entrusted nothing.

JOHN ROGERS and wife had:

(2) Hannah, m. Nov. 23, 1664, John Tisdale, Jr., perhaps of Taunton. He was a son of John Tisdale and wife Sarah Walker.

(3) Elizabeth, m. Nov. 17, 1668, Nathaniel Williams, of Taunton. He was a son of Richard Williams and wife Frances Dighton. Richard Williams is believed to have been a brother of that apostle of religious liberty, Roger Williams, the founder of Rhode Island.

(4) John.*

(5) Abigail, m. —— Richmond.

JOHN TISDALE, JR., and wife HANNAH ROGERS (No. 2) had:

(6) Abigail, b. July 15, 1667.

(7) John, b. Aug. 10, 1669.

(8) Anna, b. Jan. 27, 1673; m. July 4, 1695, Major George Leonard, of Norton. He was born April 18, 1671, and died Sept. 5, 1716.

(9) Remember, b. July 8, 1675.

John Tisdale, the parent, was a son of John Tisdale, one of the twenty-six original proprietors of Freetown at date of purchase, April, 1659. John Tisdale, Sen., was killed by the Indians, June, 167–.

NATHANIEL WILLIAMS and wife ELIZABETH ROGERS (No. 3) had:

(10) John, b. Aug. 27, 1675.

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* On the 8th day of June, 1704, a division was made in the estate of Lieut. Thomas Terry, then recently of Freetown, deceased, and among those selected to divide the estate was Mr. John Rogers, of Taunton, called an uncle to the children of Lieut. Terry. The widow is called Anna Williams in the written returns of said division, but by tradition is known as Anna Leonard. May not this widow have been a sister of the Mr. John Rogers of Taunton, and they the children of Mr. John Rogers, Jr. (No. 4) of this genealogy? If Anna was the mother of Lieut. Thomas Terry's children, then all the Terrys of Freetown were probably lineal descendants of John Rogers of Duxbury and Marshfield, the common father of this branch of the Rogers family.

(11) Nathaniel, b. April 9, 1679.

(12) Elizabeth, b. April 18, 1686; m. in or before 1708, John Macomber, of Taunton. He was born March 18, 1681, and died Dec. 14, 1747. She died May 2, 1732. Their daughter Elizabeth became the wife of William Rounsevill, of East Freetown, and they the parents of Levi Rounsevill, captain of the minute men of Freetown that responded to the first call of their bleeding country, April 19, 1775, and also a captain in the continental army. Capt. Levi was father of Rev. William Rounsevill, a most eloquent man, who represented his birthplace ten years in the General Court at Boston. Rev. William was grandfather to that great oriental scholar, author and writer, Rev. William R. Alger, of Boston. Capt. Levi Rounsevill had a sister born 1743, and named Elizabeth, to bear up the names of her mother Elizabeth Macomber, grandmother Elizabeth Williams, and great-grandmother Elizabeth Rogers, and this sister became the wife of Capt. Job Peirce of the patriot army of Revolution, and also a soldier in French and Indian War. Capt. Job and wife had one son in patriot service in War of Revolution, and one son, who, as a major, and another as a captain, served in the last war with England (1814). The writer of this family history and genealogy is a grandson of Capt. Job Peirce and wife Elizabeth.

—— Richmond and wife Abigail Rogers (No. 5) had:

(13) Joseph.

(14) Edward.

Major George Leonard,* the husband of Anna Tisdale

* "Knowledge is power," and the superior intelligence of Major George Leonard enabled him to acquire property so much faster than his comparatively dull and superstitious neighbors, that the latter from envy doubtless were glad to believe, or at least to pretend to believe, that he was in league with the devil, or to say, in the language of scripture, "he hath a devil."

And this malignant feeling was further manifested after his death, by set-

(No. 8), was the third son of Major Thomas Leonard, who died in Taunton, Nov. 24, 1713.

Major George Leonard removed to Norton in or about 1690, and there became the proprietor of a very large tract of land. Of the local militia of that part of Taunton, now Norton, George Leonard was commissioned Captain in or about 1698. Samuel Britnell is thought to have been his Lieutenant, and Nicholas White, Ensign. His promotion to Major probably took place in 1715. The militia of Bristol County were then, as for thirty-two years before, embodied as one regiment, of which, at that time, Nathaniel Byfield, of Bristol, was Colonel. Major George Leonard was appointed Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Dec. 10, 1715. He died Sept. 5, 1716. Anna, his wife and widow, subsequently became the wife of Nathaniel Thomas, of Plymouth. She died Sept. 1733.

George Leonard, eldest son of Major George Leonard and wife Anna Tisdale, was born March 4, 1698. He was Ensign of one of the companies of local militia in Norton as early as 1721, and in or before 1738 was promoted to Colonel of the 3d Regiment of Bristol County militia. He was one of the Governor's Councillors from 1741 to 1766. He was appointed Justice of the Peace, March 4, 1723; Judge of the Common Pleas in 1725; Judge of Probate, Feb. 16, 1747.

Nathaniel Leonard, son of Major George Leonard and wife Anna Tisdale, was born March 9, 1700; graduated at Harvard College in 1719. He was ordained at Plymouth, July 29, 1720; married Priscilla Rogers, of Ipswich, Oct. 22, 1724; died 1761.

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ting afloat the ridiculous story, that Satan came for and succeeded in carrying away Major Leonard's dead body, and with this in his grasp he jumped from the Major's house to a large rock near by, where with the burden he rested before taking flight for the regions infernal. The "foot prints" of the devil on that rock are said still to remain, and are pointed out to the curious, and perhaps believed by the marvellous.

Ephraim Leonard, son of Major George Leonard and wife Anna Tisdale, was born Jan. 16, 1706; married three times. Was the most wealthy man in Mansfield. He was appointed a Justice of the Peace in 1737, and was Colonel as early as 1754.

George Leonard, Jr., son of Col. George, and grandson of Major George Leonard and wife Anna Tisdale, was born July 4, 1729; graduated at Harvard College in 1748; married, Nov. 27, 1759, Experience, a daughter of Col. Samuel White, of Taunton. He was Major. as early as 1754, Lieut.-Colonel 1760, and Colonel in 1770. He was also Register of Probate, Royal Councillor, Judge of Probate, Chief-Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, Representative to Congress, State Senator, Representative to General Court, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Selectman and Assessor. He received the degree of LL.D. Died July 26, 1819.

Daniel Leonard, son of Col. Ephraim, grandson of Major George, and great-grandson of Major Thomas Leonard, was born May 18, 1744, and graduated at Harvard College. He was the author of the articles signed "Massachusettensis," published on the eve of the Revolution, in Draper's paper, at Boston. He was commissioned Lieut.-Colonel of 3d Regiment of local militia of Bristol County in 1771. He became Chief-Justice of the Bermuda Islands. His wife was Anna, a daughter of Col. Samuel White, of Taunton. He died in London, June 27, 1829.

So much ability in a race, and so conspicuously shown for such a long term of years, and by generation after generation, could have been nothing that happened or was wholly the result of the times in which they lived, but the outcropping of natural and inherent ability that is transmitted from parent to child, and proving the foundation of all permanent usefulness in life, being to the moral virtues what a good soil is to vegetation.

THE ROUNSEVILL FAMILY.

William Rounsevill, of Honiton,* a borough or market town and parish in Devonshire County, England, had at least five children, of whom we have gathered the following facts:

(2) Philip, b. May 1, 1677; emigrated to America in 1700. In 1708 he was living in a house in Freetown owned by Lieut. Josiah Winslow, the premises being now (1874) owned and occupied by Thos. G. Winslow. Philip married (in or before 1705) Mary, a daughter of Samuel Howland, of Duxbury, and afterwards of Freetown, granddaughter of Henry Howland the emigrant. Philip removed from Freetown to Middleboro' (near Hunting-House Brook) in or before 1721, and from thence to Tiverton, now East Freetown. Mary, the wife, died May 8, 1744, in her 71st year. [See gravestones in Rounsevill family cemetery.] Born in or about 1673. Her father, in his will, dated Feb. 5, 1715, gave her one cow. [See Bristol Co. Probate Records.]

Philip died a little before sunrise Sunday morning, Nov. 6, 1763, and had been sick only about one week. The inscription upon his tomb-stone in Rounsevill cemetery informs that he "*was born at hunnetun* in devonshire in old England." He made no will, but left a very large estate that was divided in 1765 by Capt. John Paul, John Crane, and Capt. Benajah Babbitt.

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* Honiton is 156½ miles W. S. W. of London, and 16½ miles E. N. E. from Exeter, on a rising ground upon the south side of the river Otter. Population in 1851 was 3427.

Philip Rounsevill's second wife was Rachel ——. She died Sept. 15, 1745, in her 46th year, and must have been born in or near 1699. Philip and wives have suitable gravestones.

(3) Thomas, b. at date unknown; m. in or about 1709. He probably remained in England.

(4) A son, name not known.

(5) Jane. Was alive in 1709, and sent her love to Philip in a letter dated Honiton, Eng., March 11, 1709.

(6) A daughter, name not known, who was alive and well in 1709.

A letter written in 1709 by William Rounsvill, of Honiton, and addressed to his son Philip, is still preserved by his lineal descendants. The following is a true copy:

HONITON march ye 11 day 1708–9.

Dutiful ſon. I Received yr Last Letter in December 1705 which was dated December ye 25, 1704 and this being ye sixth Letter I have ſent to you since and never had any Anſwer from you and if you Recieve this Letter I would have you to ſend a letter to me y^t^ I may know where it is y^t^ you Live and I think it very strange y^t^ you do not ſend to me till you have an Anſwer from me for you know where to ſend to me and I do not know where to ſend to you but when I ſend to you it is by [word unintelligible] and you know how apt letters are to be miſcarried at ſuch a distance, and therefore ſend letters to me till you Recieve one from me for I shall have an occasion to ſend to you within one yeares time. Your brother Thomas is married and I am in good health, and ſo are your Brothers and sisters and I hope theſe Lines will finde you in good health as we are Blessed be God for it.

I am ſorry to heare of your trobles and Afflictions y^t^ you have mett with since you left this Land and I pray God y^t^ it may be a means to make you stick Closer to your Duty and look up to Heaven for a Bleſsing and I shall never be wanting in my Prayers for you, for my Hart was never Hardened against you and I desire ye Lord Almity to Bleſs keep and Preſerve you and ſo I must leave you to ye Protection of him y^t^ keeps man and Beast and do not forget to ſend to me and then in so Doing you will oblige your Affectionate Father. This with my love and your sister Janes to you;

I am your Affectionate Father.

WILLIAM ROUNSEVELL.

Of Philip Rounsevill the emigrant I find the following notices in the public records.

1708. Living in the house of Lieut. Josiah Winslow.

1710, April 11. Petit Juryman for Freetown.

1721, January 9. Then said to be of Middleboro', and called "cloth worker." Bought of Benjamin Durfee, of Tiverton, some land in Tiverton (now East Freetown) for sixty pounds.

1727, Sept. 7. Then said to have been late of Middleboro', but then of Tiverton, "clothier." Bought of Joseph Wanton, of Tiverton, a piece of land for one hundred pounds.

1728, March 4. For two hundred and twenty pounds, bought of Benjamin Durfee a tract of land in Tiverton, called the "square."

1729, Sept. 7. Then said to be of Tiverton. Bought of Joseph Wanton, of said town, a piece of the "Bolton Cedar Swamp," for six pounds current money.

1731, January 22. Bought of Stephen Blackmar, of Rochester, half a swamp lot in Tiverton. The sum paid was twelve pounds ten shillings.

1732, June 14. Purchased half the twenty-eighth lot in Tiverton. He bought this of Joseph Blackmar, of Rochester, and paid thirteen pounds.

1735, May 1. For twelve pounds he bought of Jacob Hathway, of Freetown, the other half of twenty-eighth lot in Tiverton.

1736, July 13. He bought of Thomas Church, Esq., of Little Compton, a piece of land for one hundred pounds.

1737, Jan. 10. Bought of Benjamin Durfee a piece of "Bolton Cedar Swamp" for sixty pounds.

Philip Rounsevill (No. 2) and wife Mary Howland had:

(7) William, b. in Freetown, Oct. 10, 1705, at twenty-seven minutes past six o'clock in the afternoon (Town

Records of Freetown); m. Elizabeth, a daughter of John Macomber, of Taunton, and wife Elizabeth Williams, granddaughter of John Macomber and wife Anne Evans. William died Jan. 31, 1744 (gravestone), and Elizabeth for a second husband married Williams Ashley. She died 18—. By her second husband she had three children, two sons and a daughter, viz., Noah, Micah and Abiah.

(8) John, b. 1706; m. twice: first, 1731, Sarah Holloway. She d. January, 1743, in her 37th year. He m. second, 1745, Sarah Spooner. She d. April 28, 1793, in her 77th year. Capt. John d. Nov. 14, 1783. He was commissioned Captain of the 3d company* of militia of

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* Of the third company in the local militia of Freetown the names of captains, together with the dates of their commissions and discharges, were as follows:

John Rounsevill, commissioned in 1751, honorably discharged 1762.

Elisha Parker, commissioned 1762, discharged Sept. 19, 1775, by an act of the Legislature.

Joseph Norton, commissioned 1777, honorably discharged 1781.

Peregrine White, commissioned July 1, 1781, honorably discharged 179–.

Noah Crapo, commissioned April 21, 1797, honorably discharged 1798.

Abraham Morton, commissioned May 21, 1798, cashiered and dismissed the service by sentence of Court Martial in Aug. 1805.

Dr. James Ashley, commissioned Oct. 14, 1805, honorably discharged April 13, 1811. Removed to State of New York.

Simeon Ashley, commissioned Feb. 4, 1812, promoted to Colonel of 5th regiment, 2d brigade, 5th division of Massachusetts Militia, Aug. 10, 1818. Removed to State of New York.

Ephraim Gurney, commissioned Sept. 22, 1818, honorably discharged April 15, 1822.

Daniel Edson, commissioned May 25, 1822, honorably discharged 1830. Under Capt. Edson this company came out in uniform—blue jackets and white pants.

Malachi White, commissioned May 4, 1830, honorably discharged April 15, 1835. He was a son of Capt. Peregrine White.

Robert W. Cottle, commissioned June 20, 1835, honorably discharged at the disbandment of the company by act of Legislature, April 24, 1840.

This company during the War of the American Revolution was called out several times for the performance of short tours of military duty. It went to Rhode Island in Dec., 1776, under Lieut. Nathaniel Morton, 31 strong, and to that State again in Aug., 1780, under Capt. Joseph Norton, 44 men rank and file. In the last war with England, under Capt. Simeon Ashley, it formed a part of the Coast Guard at New Bedford and Fairhaven, called into service June, 1814, and responded with 54 all told. Until 1812 it had been a part of the 2d regiment in 2d brigade, 5th division, but then incorporated as a part of a new regiment numbered as the Fourth in 2d brigade, 16th division Massachusetts Militia. Of this new regiment Joseph E. Read, of Troy, was Lieut.-Col. Commandant, Abraham Briggs, of Dighton, and Joseph Weaver, of Freetown, Majors. Major Joseph Weaver died Dec., 1814. He

Freetown in 1751. Freetown then had three companies, commanded by Captains Abiel Terry, George Brightman and John Rounsevill.

(9) Philip, m. Hannah Jenney, of Freetown.

(10) Mary, b. March 3, 1711; m. Jan. 8, 1745, Henry Hoskins, Jr., of Taunton, a son of Henry Hoskins, "blacksmith," and wife Abigail Godfrey, grandson of William Hoskins and wife Sarah Caswell, great-grandson of William Hoskins, of Plymouth, and wife Ann Hinde. Henry Hoskins, Jr., d. June 3, 1796. Mary d. Aug. 17, 1792.

Of the children of Thomas Rounsevill (No. 3), or of his sister Jane (No. 5), and another sister (No. 6), name not learned, we know nothing. Probably they never left England.

William Rounsevill (No. 7) and wife Elizabeth Macomber had:

(11) William, b. 1735; m. twice: first, July 30, 1767, Rebecca Hoar, of Middleboro'. She d. Dec. 13, 1774, and he m. second, Oct. 4, 1776, Gabrielle DeMoranville, of Freetown, a daughter of Stephen DeMoranville. She d. March 20, 1816. [Freetown Records and gravestones.]

(12) Joseph. Was a soldier in the French and Indian War. [See Rolls at State House, Boston.] Tradition in-

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was a son of Col. Benjamin Weaver, of Freetown. In 1818, the East Freetown company was made a part of the 5th Regiment, 2d Brigade, 5th Division.

East Freetown for a few years had a uniformed company of Light Infantry. Names of Captains with dates of commissions as follows:

William F. Wood, commissioned Nov. 22, 1851, honorably discharged 1852.
Marcus M. Rounsevill, commissioned March 19, 1853, honorably discharged 1854.
William A. Haffords, commissioned March 11, 1854, honorably discharged 1856.
Tracy Allen, commissioned May, 1856, honorably discharged July, 1857.

This was company F, of 3d regiment of Light Infantry, commanded by Col. Stephen Thomas, of Middleborough, and in the 2d brigade under Brigadier General E. W. Peirce, of Freetown. Armory was removed to New Bedford, when the company took the name of "Acushnet Guards," and elected Dr. John H. Jennings Captain. He was promoted to Major of said regiment and subsequently Colonel. As Major he performed duty in the three months service at Fortress Monroe in 1861.

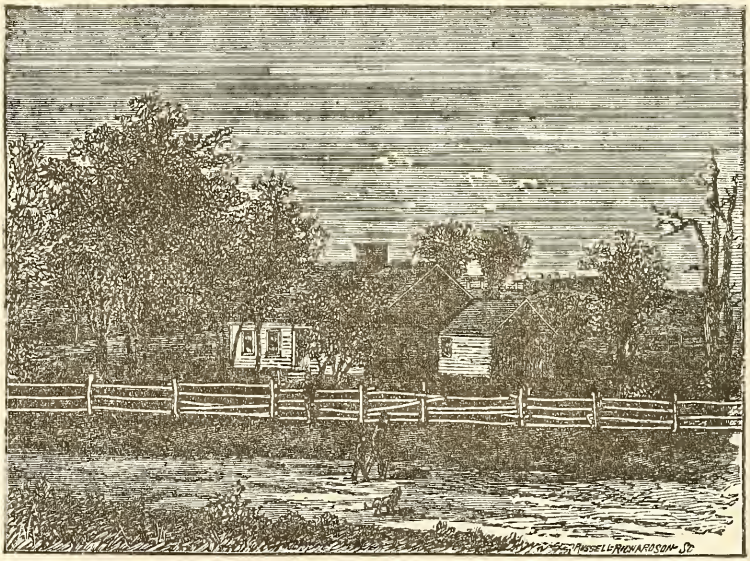
forms that Joseph Rounsevill resided in Middleboro', that part now Lakeville, sold out there, and removed from Massachusetts to a distant part of the country.

(13) Levi, b. 1739; m. twice: first, April 28, 1760, Betsey Howland, of Middleboro'. She died, and he m. Mrs. Molly Brown, of Milton. He died Jan. 3, 1815. He was Captain of Freetown Minute Men, April, 1775, and also Captain in Col. Daniel Brewer's regiment in the patriot army of the Revolution, on duty at Roxbury in Oct. 1775.

(14) Sylvester, b. March 18, 1741; died Oct. 7, 1743.

(15) Elizabeth, b. Aug. 25, 1743; m. May 18, 1761, Capt. Job Peirce, of Middleboro', now Lakeville. She died June 9, 1790. He died July 22, 1819. He was born Nov. 29, 1737. [Middleboro' Records and gravestones.]

They were the grand-parents of the writer of this genealogy and family history.



This represents the old farm house of Capt. Job Peirce, as it appeared at the date of demolition, about four years since. When or by whom erected the writer has sought

in vain to learn. It was purchased by Capt. Job Peirce about one hundred and ten years ago, and under its roof eleven of his children were born, and here he and his wife Elizabeth Rounsevill (No. 15) spent nearly the whole of their married life. Here too they died, and from this unpretending mansion were carried to their burial in the Peirce family cemetery on the hill, as seen in the distance. This view is from the north-east. Capt. Peirce put on an addition of about ten or twelve feet at the south end, and added an L portion to the back part not shown in the picture. The road in which the man, boy and dog are seen is that leading from Middleboro' Four Corners to Lakeville town-house.

The farm of Capt. Job Peirce, and whereon this house stood, contained more than two hundred acres. It was here that tidings were brought, and in response to which he at a moment's warning went forth to repel the British on the occasion now known as the Lexington Alarm (April 19, 1775), and from here also that he set out at the head of his company in Dec. 1776, and again in 1777 to assist in driving the English soldiers from Rhode Island. [See rolls of these companies, pages 64 and 65 of the work entitled, "Peirce Family of Old Colony," and page 146 of this book.]

When the British soldiers landed in Dartmouth, now New Bedford, and attempted to burn the village of Fair Haven (Sept. 17, 1778), Capt. Peirce again repaired to the scene of conflict and bloody strife, and so desirous was he of being there without delay, that he started on horseback, taking one of his older boys up behind him to bring back and care for the horse, and leaving his wife and younger children to clear the house of what valuables they could, as the English army in force was thought to be penetrating the country, sacking and devastating by fire and sword.

Ah, what a day of trial was that for a mother! Her husband in the battle, liable at any instant to fall, and over his

mangled body the triumphant foe momentarily expected with fire and musket, seeking "beauty and booty."

Those were truly "the days that tried men's souls" and women's too. But this mother was equal to the emergency; for after carrying from the house and hiding what she could, she took the breakfast, till then not eaten, and with her young children sought refuge in a swamp, where, calling her family around her, they partook of the morning meal.

The writer's father, though less than four years old at that time, well remembered this circumstance, and used to repeat the story to me when I, a little boy, sat upon his knee and eagerly listened to his recital of his father's sufferings

> "In the days when he went soldiering,
> Long time ago."

That the British soldiers were bravely met by the militia, under Maj. Israel Fearing, and so severely handled as to retreat before accomplishing their object, is a matter of general history; and towards night this mother and her little ones ventured forth from the place of their concealment to learn the joyful intelligence that the father was alive, and that the house they had expected never again to see had not fallen a sacrifice to the enemy's torch.

This story, together with what occurred in the old house on the occasion known as the *dark day* (May 20, 1780), were among the most stirring events with the recital of which my honored father sought to interest me in childhood.

Capt. Job Peirce was the donor of "Peirce Academy," Middleboro', Mass. After the death of Elizabeth Rounsevill, he for a second wife was united in marriage with Mrs. Elizabeth Strobridge. She was the widow of Lieut. Robert Strobridge, of Middleboro', now Lakeville, and a daughter of William Nelson and wife Elizabeth Howland. She was born in 1750, and died in 1846, aged about 96 years. Her remains are interred in the Nelson cemetery, Lakeville, and her grave marked by a white marble slab bearing an inscrip-

tion. Rev. William, Rev. Samuel, and Rev. Ebenezer Nelson were her brothers. They were Calvinistic Baptist clergymen.

Capt. JOHN ROUNSEVILL (No. 8) and wife SARAH HOLLOWAY had:

(16) Sarah, b. 1731; m. July 17, 1755, John Peirce, of Middleboro', now Lakeville. She died Oct. 25, 1774; was buried in Lakeville, and has a suitable gravestone. He was buried in Shutesbury, Mass., and has no gravestone.

(17) Hope, b. 1735; m. Nov. 5, 1760, Col. John Nelson, of Middleboro', now Lakeville. She died Dec. 28, 1820. He died Sept. 11, 1803.* Both buried in Lakeville, and have suitable gravestones bearing inscriptions. He was b. Oct. 25, 1737, son of Lieut. Thomas Nelson and wife Judith Peirce.

(18) John, b. Sept. 1738; d. Feb. 5, 1739. [Gravesto.]

By second wife, SARAH SPOONER, had:

(19) Mary, b. 1747; d. Feb. 15, 1761. [Gravestone.]

(20) Elizabeth, b. March 17, 1750; m. April 5, 1770, Hon. Alden Spooner, of Acushnet, then Dartmouth. She died Dec. 14, 1813. He died Sept. 28, 1844, aged 94 years, 6 months and 15 days. [Gravestones.]

(21) Thomas, m. twice: first, Sept. 14, 1769, Phylena, a daughter of Ensign Silas Hathaway, of Freetown, and wife Deborah Carlisle, granddaughter of Col. Ebenezer

* Col. John Nelson was the eldest son of Lieut. Thomas Nelson and wife Judith Peirce, and born in Middleborough, now Lakeville, Oct. 25, 1737. Learned the trade of a blacksmith. Of the fourth company in the local militia of Middleborough, he was commissioned, in 1773, as Lieutenant. May 9, he was promoted to Major of the 4th regiment in the militia of Plymouth County, in which capacity he performed short tours of duty at Rhode Island and New Bedford. Promoted to Colonel July 1, 1781. Was a Selectman of Middleborough and a Justice of the Peace for Plymouth County. He and his wife were interred in the ancient cemetery on the southerly bank of Assawomset Pond, in Lakeville, both graves being marked by suitable stones bearing inscriptions. His gravestone was very large for the time of its construction, and the work elaborate and very ornamental.

Hathaway, of Freetown, and great-granddaughter of Deacon Abram Hathaway, of Berkley. She died, and he married, second, Feb. 5, 1795, Mrs. Anna Cole, the widow of Abial Cole, of Shutesbury, and daughter of Ebenezer Peirce, of Middlebero', now Lakeville, and wife Mary Hoskins. Anna died in Sept. 1806. Thomas Rounsevill died Jan. 31, 1826.

Philip Rounsevill (No. 9) and wife Hannah Jenney had:

(22) Hannah, b. May 2, 1749.

(23) Philip, b. July 2, 1750; m. 1775, Mercy, a daughter of Abial Cole and wife Anna Peirce, granddaughter of Ebenezer Peirce and wife Mary Hoskins, great-granddaughter of Isaac Peirce, Jr., and wife Judith Booth.

Henry Hoskins, Jr., and wife Mary Rounsevill (No. 10) had:

(24) Philip, m. Mary Myrick.

(25) Peter.

(26) Mary, m. 1768, Solomon Paine, of Freetown. He enlisted as a soldier in the French and Indian war, and deserted. [See rolls at State House, Boston.]

(27) William, b. May 21, 1754; m. Nov. 4, 1779, Sarah Caswell. He was a patriot soldier in the War of the Revolution, and was commissioned Lieutenant of a company* of the local militia of Taunton, May 17, 1792, that company being a part of the 3d Regiment, 2d Brigade, 5th Division, Mass. Militia.

Mary, the mother, was the second wife of Henry Hoskins, Jr. Hannah, his first wife, has a gravestone bearing a legible inscription. It is in the "Caswell burial-ground," so called, in East Taunton.

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* Field officers of the 3d regiment at that time were: Noah Hall, of Raynham, Colonel; Gideon Williams, of Taunton, Lieut.-Colonel; Job Winslow, of Dighton, Major; James Williams, Jr., was Adjutant.

WILLIAM ROUNSEVILL (No. 11) and wife REBECCA HOAR had:

(28) William, m. April 14, 1799, Hannah Peirce, a daughter of Capt. James Peirce, of Middleboro', now Lakeville, and wife Abigail Smith, granddaughter of Elkanah Peirce and wife Hannah Eddy. Mrs. Hannah Rounsevill was born March 8, 1776.

(29) Sylvester, m. twice: first, a daughter of Rev. Samuel Nelson, of Middleboro.' She died, and he m. second, Mary Peirce, of Middleboro', a daughter of Silas Peirce and wife Anna Hathaway. They removed to the State of New York. Mary was born June 11, 1783; died Dec. 23, 1868.

(30) Abiatha, m. Polly Peirce, of Middleboro.' She was born Nov. 14, 1784, and was sister to Hannah the wife of William Rounsevill (No. 28).

(31) Samuel, never married; lived to quite an advanced age. Moved to New York State. The writer remembers to have seen him once, when on a visit to Massachusetts many years ago.

(32) Asenath, m. Jan. 24, 1804, Dr. Elisha Briggs, of Middleboro', now Lakeville. He was commissioned Captain of the 7th Co. in the local militia of Middleboro', Sept. 29, 1806, being the successor to Capt. Elkanah Peirce, and superseding Lieut. Isaac Holloway,* who thereupon resigned, and his place was filled May 5, 1807, by commissioning Asa Winslow Lieutenant.

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* This 7th Co. or "Beech Woods Co." as it was called, was remarkably addicted to the habit of superseding its subaltern officers. Thus, when Henry Peirce, its first commander, resigned, James Peirce was made Captain from ranks (July 7, 1787), and a good deal of trouble and hard feeling in consequence. This conduct was repeated in 1796, when Abanoam Hinds was made Captain, and also when Doctor Elisha Briggs was elected Sept. 29, 1806, and Ethan Peirce June 6, 1815, as a Lieutenant, in each case was superseded by having a man from the ranks put over them in office. The next and last act of this kind, in which this company participated, was Aug. 15, 1831, when Lieut. John W. Canedy was superseded by Silas P. Ashley, a private and one of the youngest soldiers in the company. The occasions when the promotions were according to rank, were: May 4, 1802, Lieut. Elkanah Peirce was made Captain; March 20, 1811, Ensign Sylvanus Parris was promoted to Captain; Lieut. Apollos Read, in 182-; Lieut. John Strobridge, May 19, 1827, and Lieut. Samuel Hoar June 6, 1829. These were each from subalterns made to be a company commander.

(33) Joanna, m. Abiatha Briggs, of Middleboro', now Lakeville. He was an Ensign of the 7th Co. of the local militia of Middleboro', Sylvanus Parris being Captain and Gideon Haskins Lieutenant.

By second wife, Gabrielle DeMoranville, had:

(34) Bradford, m. April 13, 1806, Hannah Rounsevill.

(35) Betsey, m. 1803, Dr. James Ashley, of East Freetown. He was commissioned Captain of the 3d Co. of local militia of Freetown, Oct. 14, 1805. He removed to the State of New York, and was succeeded in office by his brother Simeon Ashley, Feb. 4, 1812. They were the sons of Lieut. Percival Ashley, of Freetown, who had formerly been Lieutenant of the same company.

(36) Susan, m. March 12, 1805, Col. Simeon Ashley, of East Freetown. He was commissioned Captain of the 3d Co.* of local militia of Freetown, Feb. 4, 1812, and with

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* The names of the officers and soldiers of the 3d company in the local militia of Freetown, who performed duty as a part of the "Coast Guard," stationed at or near New Bedford, in 1814. This service commenced June 18, 1814.

Commissioned Officers. Simeon Ashley, *Captain;* Samuel Macomber, *Ensign.*

Non-Commissioned Officers. Bishop Ashley, John Rounsevill, Gilbert Rounsevill and Philip Taber, *Sergeants.* John Allen, Benjamin Ellis, Clark Haskins, and Josiah De Moranville, *Corporals.*

Musicians. Ephraim Gurney and Thomas Rounsevill, Jr.

Privates. Abram Ashley, 2d, Abram Ashley, 3d, Thomas Ashley, Taber Ashley, Leonard Ashley, Abel Briggs, Jonathan Braley, Job Braley, John Burt, Asa Clark, Jr., Joseph Clark, William Case, William Cummings, George Cummings, Jael Cummings, Frederick Downing, John Downing, James Gorham, David Simmons Hatheway, Philip Hatheway, Nathaniel Haskell, Nathaniel Jucket, David Lawrence, Spencer Lawrence, Ansel Lucas, Hezekiah Mason, Abraham Pittsley, Alexander Pittsley, Ira Pittsley, James Pittsley, Noah Perkins, Joseph Rounsevill, Silas Rounsevill, Mike Reynolds, Jr., William Reynolds, Luther Rogers, John Tobey, William Westgate, James White, John White, Malachi White and Samuel White, Jr. Commissioned, 2. Non-commissioned and Musicians, 10. Privates, 42. Total, 54. Of these 25 were on duty 14 days, one 12 days, twenty-three 11 days, and one 10, one 9, one 7, one 4, and one 3 days.

This, strictly speaking, was not the third but rather the second company in Freetown, at that date, as by the setting off of Fall River in 1803, Freetown lost its second company. The first company in the local militia of Freetown, eighty-seven strong, were on duty at New Bedford with this, and four years later the captains of both were promoted to field officers of the 5th Regiment in 2d Brigade, 5th Division Massachusetts Militia.

fifty-three men, rank and file, formed a part of the Coast Guard at New Bedford in June, 1814. Promoted to Colonel of the 5th Regiment of 2d Brigade, 5th Division Mass. Militia, August 10, 1818.

Bradford Durfee, then Major of the 2d Regiment, and Adoniram Crane, Major of 3d Regiment in same Brigade, sought an election to the Colonelcy of this *then new* 5th Regiment, that was composed of companies formerly belonging to said 2d and 3d Regiments, but neither were successful, and as a compromise, Capt. Ashley, then holding the oldest or ranking commission of Captain, was selected and chosen Colonel; and a rhymer of that day, in describing the event, said:

> "Then they went on rashly
> And chose one little Ashley,
> When all who drank had their reckoning to pay."

This scrap of doggerel was probably an inspiration of some one who went home from that day's election dry as well as disappointed, and in rhythm tried to revenge his fancied or real lack of free rum.

Col. Ashley doubtless felt that for this promotion he had "no friends to reward or enemies to punish," and may not have treated so high as those more desirous of promotion, and who were denied the honor they coveted. Col. Ashley removed to the State of New York. He was a brother of Dr. James Ashley. Col. Ashley's former residence in Freetown has since been the home of Capt. Calvin Thomas. Col. Ashley was a son of Lieut. Percival Ashley, of Freetown.

Capt. Darius Perry, of Dighton, was at the same time made Lieut.-Colonel, and Capt. Lynde Hathaway, of Freetown, Major. Philip P. Hathaway, of Freetown, was appointed Adjutant.

Joseph Rounsevill (No. 12) and wife had:

(37) Alden, whom tradition says never married.

(38) Phebe, who died single, according to tradition.

(39) Mary, b. 1761; m. Lieut. Leonard Hinds, of Middleboro', now Lakeville. She died, Sept. 3, 1833, aged 72. He was a son of Rev. Ebenezer Hinds. Leonard was a drummer in the patriot army of the Revolution, and commissioned Lieutenant of the 7th Co. in the militia of Middleboro', now Lakeville (Beech Woods Co.).

Capt. Levi Rounsevill (No. 13) and wife Betsey Howland had:

(40) Abner, m. April 2, 1789, Hannah Oliver, of Freetown.

(41) William, b. 1769; m. Rhoda Durfee, of Freetown. He was an ordained minister of the gospel and an eloquent speaker. Was commissioned a Justice of the Peace for Bristol Co., Feb. 20, 1808, and held that office until his death, Nov. 13, 1816. Was chosen to represent the town of Freetown in the General Court at Boston, for ten consecutive years. Thought to have died from an overdose of opium, but not intentional suicide.

(42) Betsey, m. Aug. 14, 1791, Capt. Abraham Morton, of East Freetown. He was a son of Nathaniel Morton, 2d, and wife Rebecca, and born Aug. 12, 1769. He was commissioned Captain of the 3d Co. in the local militia of Freetown, May 21, 1798, and dismissed from that office by the sentence of a Court-Martial, sitting in Plymouth on the 13th and 14th days of Aug. 1805—an extract from the records of which is given in a note below.* Capt. Abraham Morton died in 1821.

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* "At the same Court was tried Capt. Abraham Morton of 2d regiment, 2d brigade, charged with disobedience of orders and neglect of duty, viz., on the first Tuesday of May, 1804, neglecting and refusing to parade with the company under his command."

"2dly, For continuing to neglect and refuse to do military duty from said 1st

By second wife, Mrs. Molly Brown, had:

(43) John, m. Nov. 23, 1802, Sally Rounsevill (No. 83), of Freetown, a daughter of Thomas Rounsevill. John was a Deputy Sheriff for Bristol Co., and was usually called "Sheriff John." He was a Sergeant of the Coast Guard at New Bedford, in June, 1814, in Capt. Simeon Ashley's company.

(44) Sarah, m. May 22, 1803, Hezekiah Mason, Esq., of East Freetown. He was a soldier in the Coast Guard at New Bedford, in June, 1814, in Capt. Ashley's company.

(45) Fanny, m. John Tobey, of Freetown. He was a soldier in the Coast Guard at New Bedford, in June, 1814, serving in the company commanded by Capt. Simeon Ashley, of Freetown, that constituted a part of the force under Lieut.-Col. Benjamin Lincoln, of New Bedford, and Major Levi Peirce (No. 52), of Middleboro'.

Capt. Levi Rounsevill, the parent, was Captain of the Minute Men of Freetown that responded to the *first call* of our country, that now known as the Lexington Alarm; and he was subsequently a Captain in the patriot army of the American Revolution. [For rolls, see book entitled "Peirce Family of Old Colony," pages 63 and 68.] Capt. Rounsevill was of the Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety; Representative to General Court; Selectman and Moderator of annual town meeting.

Capt. Job Peirce and wife Elizabeth Rounsevill (No. 15) had:

(46) Mercy, b. April 25, 1762; m. Oct. 11, 1782, Maj.

Tuesday of May to the 25th of September following. In consequence of Capt. Morton's non-appearance the court consider him guilty of the charges contained in his arrest, and sentence him to be removed from office and adjudge him incapable of holding any military commission under this Commonwealth for life."

"The Major-General approves the proceedings of the Court Martial, and orders that it take effect immediately."

"By order of the Major-General,

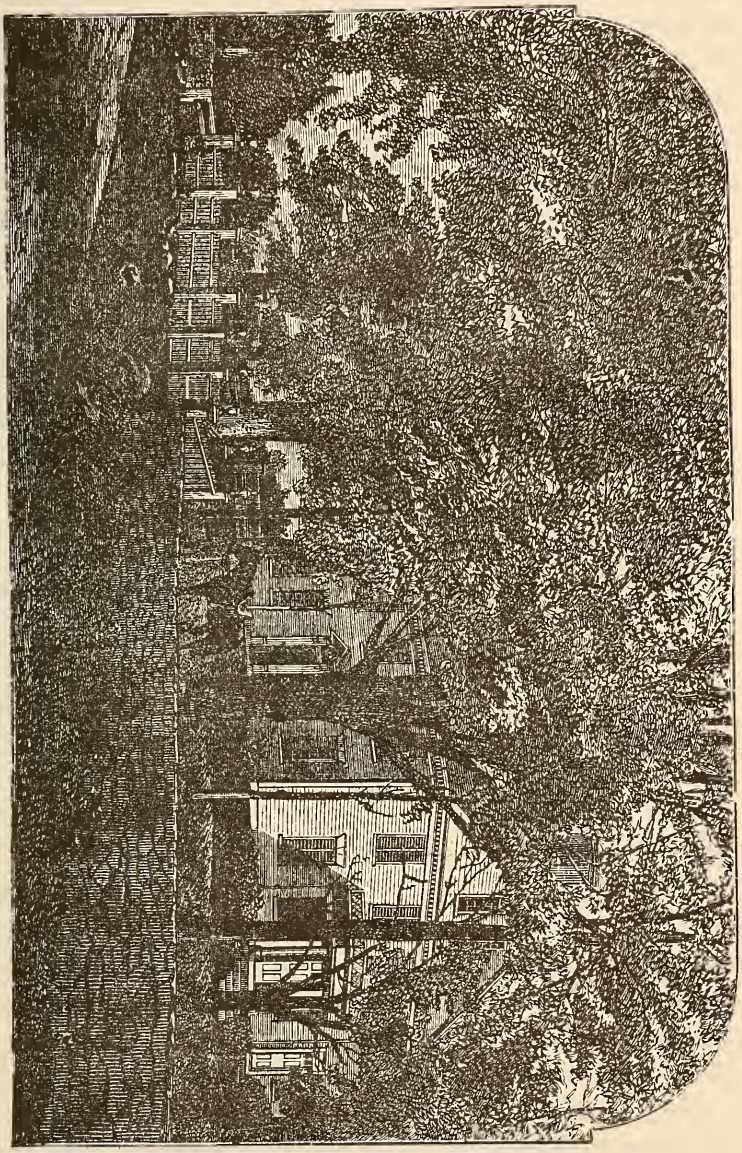
(Signed) N. Hayward, A. D. C."

Peter Hoar, of Middleboro', now Lakeville. He was a private soldier in a company of Minute Men at the "Lexington Alarm," April, 1775; Sergeant of Capt. Job Peirce's company on duty at Rhode Island in 1777; Lieutenant of Capt. Henry Peirce's company on duty in Rhode Island in 1777 and 1780, and also Lieutenant of Capt. Edward Sparrow's company on duty in Rhode Island in what was called the "New Levy;" commissioned Captain of the 2d company of the local militia of Middleboro', June 6, 1793; promoted to Junior Major of 4th Regiment, 1st Brigade, 5th Division Mass. Militia, Jan. 4, 1797; Senior Major or Lieut. Colonel, July 22, 1800. Honorably discharged 1806. Was elected a Selectman of Middleboro' for fifteen years; commissioned as Justice of the Peace for Plymouth County, 1811; represented the town in the General Court three years, viz., 1809, 1810 and 1811. He died March 12, 1815, aged 60 years, 4 months and 13 days. Mercy, the wife, died May 20, 1847. Both have gravestones in the Peirce family cemetery, Lakeville.

(47) William Rounsevill, b. April 19, 1764. Was a soldier in Capt. Henry Peirce's company of the patriot army on duty at Rhode Island in the War of the Revolution, and as a sailor in the patriot navy was captured and carried to England and confined as prisoner of war. Married Leonora Jones, of North Carolina. Was a master mariner, and died on the island of St. Bartholomew, May 15, 1794, and there buried. Gravestone erected in Peirce family cemetery in Middleboro', now Lakeville.

(48) Elizabeth, b. Jan. 6, 1766; m. Jan. 6, 1788, Gen. Abiel Washburn, of Middleboro'. He was commissioned Adjutant of 4th Regiment, in 1st Brigade, 5th Division Mass. Militia, Oct. 2, 1788; promoted to Major, May 1, 1794; Lieut.-Colonel, Jan. 4, 1797; Colonel, July 22, 1800; Brigadier General, Sept. 4, 1816. Honorably discharged in 1824. He died of erysipelas, June 17, 1843. Elizabeth

died March 23, 1850. He was a Justice of the Quorum for Plymouth Co., and a successful merchant.



FORMER RESIDENCE OF CAPT. JOB PEIRCE, JR., IN FREETOWN.

(49) Job, b. Dec. 12, 1767; m. Jan. 3, 1799, Anna, a daughter of Lieut. Robert Strobridge and wife Elizabeth

Nelson, of Middleboro', now Lakeville, granddaughter of William Nelson and wife Elizabeth Howland. Of the 1st Co. of the local militia in Freetown, Job Peirce was commissioned Captain Aug. 21, 1801, and held that place till his death, Sept. 22, 1805. Was buried with military honors. He was Town Clerk of Freetown in 1802; Auditor of the town's accounts in 1803. Attained great success as a merchant. When Captain, Joseph E. Read was his Lieutenant, and Ambrose Barnaby Ensign. Capt. Peirce's remains are in the Peirce family cemetery in Lakeville, and his grave is marked by a slab of white marble bearing an inscription. [See page 242 of book entitled "Peirce Family of Old Colony."] His former residence in Freetown was the birth-place of the writer of this history. He caused to be erected in the southerly part of Assonet Village, the house in which he died. This house was built in or about 1796, or seventy-eight years since, and is still standing. For a southerly view, as it now appears, see previous page. The stately elm trees seen were set some time during the week in which the writer of this history was born.

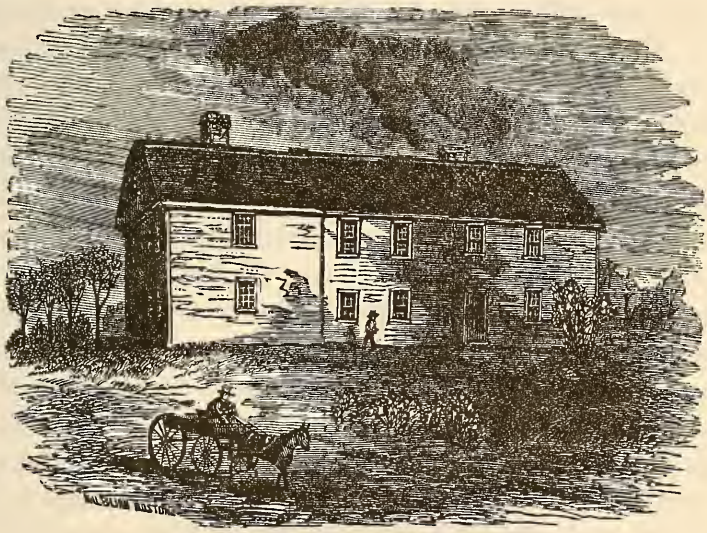
(50) Anne, b. Dec. 18, 1769; m. Dr. Nicholas Hathaway, of Taunton, her cousin. Removed to Milford, Union Co., Ohio. She died Sept. 28, 1822. [Gravestone.] He died Aug. 24, 1848.

(51) Lucy, b. Dec. 18, 1771; m. Feb. 19, 1795, Hon. William Bourne, of Middleboro'. He was commissioned Capt. of Cavalry May 22, 1797; promoted to Major of Cavalry, Sept. 12, 1803. Honorably discharged 1807. Justice of Peace from 1816 until his death, Dec. 10, 1845; member of the State Senate in 1820; Special Commissioner of Plymouth County. She died Dec. 2, 1859. Both buried in Middleboro', and have suitable gravestones.

(52) Levi, b. Oct. 1, 1773; m. Dec. 13, 1795, Sarah Bourne, of Middleboro'. Levi* was commissioned Junior

* He built a meeting-house for the "Central Baptist Church and Society in Middleboro'," and liberally endowed the church. Was deacon twenty years.

Major of 4th Regiment in 1st Brigade, 5th Division, June 8, 1809; promoted to Senior Major in 1812. Honorably discharged in 1816. Commanded a battalion of the Coast Guard at New Bedford in 1814; Representative to the General Court in 1805, '06, '07, '08 and '09; member of the Constitutional Convention in 1820; Post-master at Middleboro' about thirty years; Justice of Peace from 181– until his death, Aug. 22, 1847. His wife died Feb. 23, 1853, aged 75 years. Both buried in Middleboro', and have suitable gravestones.



This is the "Old Morton House," so called, in Middleboro', as it appeared just before being torn down in 1870. It was on the lower floor of this house that Maj. Levi Peirce first commenced business as a trader or country store keeper. His family then occupied a tenement on the second floor. A part of this house is said to have been a human habitation two hundred years.

Going back in the mind's eye for the full term of an entire century of years, and this relic of a former age was owned and occupied by a stiff, unyielding loyalist, an un-

compromising tory, who had no sympathy for his neighbors struggling for liberty, and through great suffering, privation and blood seeking to rid their necks from a foreign yoke, and to free themselves and their children from monarchical rule and British bondage.

It was on one of those "days that tried men's souls," that a neighbor stepped into the kitchen of this (even then) old and antiquated mansion, and noticed a large iron pot hanging over the fire in the broad, old-fashioned, open fireplace, and was told by the lady of the house that the pot so nicely boiling contained the head and harslet or pluck of a calf, and then added: "I wish, however, that instead it was the head and heart of Gen. Washington that I had in that pot over the fire and boiling!"

To look back to and contemplate events that transpired a century since, seems like going a long way into the dim and distant past; but as connected with the history of this ancient landmark by the early New England fathers set, could we but stand where our revolutionary fathers one hundred years since stood, still another century of time would intervene between us and the day that the foundations of this ancient edifice were laid; and it seems to address itself to us in the language — "An hundred years before the great republic of America was, I am, and six generations of men were born, matured and perished while I yet remained."

A portion of this house was erected about the time of King Philip's War, that ante-dated the American Revolution by just one century. It was built at three different times. This is as it appeared when viewed from a southerly direction. The east or back end was the most ancient, but no part probably was less than one hundred years old.

A large and quite a powerful tribe of Indians inhabited a part of Middleboro' when the building of this house was commenced. Yes,

> "Loud howled the Indian foe,
> While here the evening prayer arose
> Two hundred years ago."

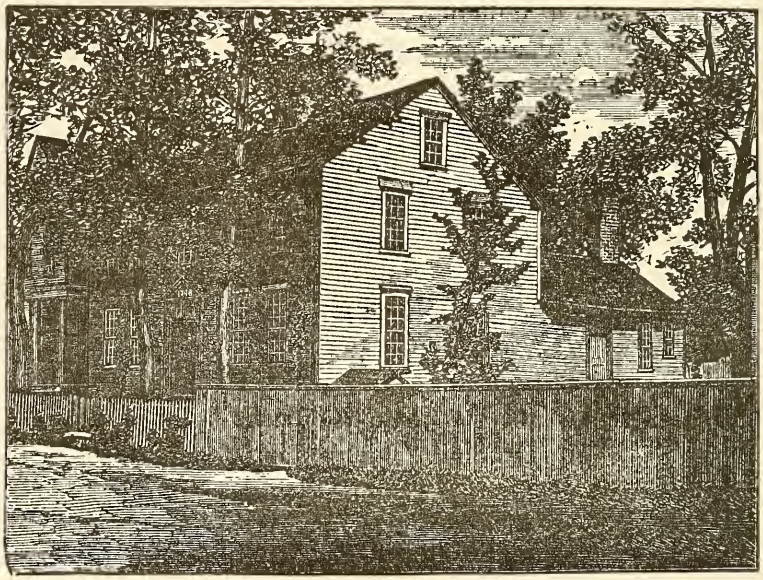
(53) Ebenezer, b. May 26, 1775; m. April 24, 1803, Joanna, eldest daughter of Col. Benjamin Weaver and wife Amy Brownell, granddaughter of Benjamin Weaver, master mariner, and wife Joanna Barnaby, great-granddaughter of Benjamin Weaver and wife Ruth Sheffield. Ebenezer Peirce was Town Clerk of Freetown in 1801, 1803–4, and 1805; Representative to General Court in 1808, and 1824; commissioned a Justice of the Peace in 1808, and held that office until his death, a term of 37 years; Auditor of the town accounts 19 years; Deacon of the 1st Christian Church in Freetown 35 years. He died Jan. 6, 1845. His wife died Jan. 6, 1859. They were the parents of the writer of this family history and genealogy.

Ebenezer Peirce was born in the old farm-house represented on page 256. He and his wife spent their last years and both died in the house represented in the picture on page 267.

This cut is a truthful likeness of Mrs. Joanna Peirce as she appeared when seventy years of age.

The cut on the next page represents the appearance of the birth-place of Mrs. Joanna Peirce at the Four Corners in Assonet Village, Freetown, Mass. Here her eyes first saw the light, May 8, 1786. This house was erected in or

about 1744, or one hundred and thirty years ago, and is still occupied as a human habitation.



(54) Mary, b. May 31, 1777; m. Feb., 1797, Rev. David A. Leonard, of Bridgewater. He died July 22, 1819. She died Oct. 2, 1836. They removed to the west. Their daughters became the wives of Gov. David Merriweather, Hon. Wm. P. Thomasson, M. C. from Kentucky, and Dr. C. Hay. And they were the grand-parents of William Merriweather, U. S. Marshal, of Kentucky, Col. James Merriweather, of Union Army in late war, Major Charles L. Thomasson, an officer in the Union Army, slain at the battle of Chickamauga, and Col. John Hay, poet and journalist, who graduated at Brown University in 1858; Assistant Secretary to President Lincoln in 1861; Aid to Gen. Hunter; Secretary of Legation at Paris from 1865 to 1867; Charge d'Affaires at Vienna, 1867 to 1868; Secretary of Legation at Madrid, 1869 to 1870; Author of "Pike County Ballads," and "Castilian Days." He was born at Salem, Ind., Oct. 8, 1839. Is now associated editorially with the New York Tribune.

(55) Sally, b. March 20, 1779; m. Deacon Abiel Nelson, of Middleboro', now Lakeville. He died 1829. She died Nov. 24, 1838. [See gravestones in Lakeville.]

(56) Elnathan, b. Oct. 20, 1781; d. Oct. 5, 1797. Buried in Peirce family cemetery, Lakeville, and has gravestone bearing legible inscription.

(57) Thomas, b. Dec. 26, 1783; d. March 1, 1784, Buried in Peirce family cemetery, Lakeville. [Family Rec.]

(58) Peter Hoar, b. March 25, 1788; m. May 10, 1813, Nabby Sproat, of Middleboro'. He was commissioned Ensign of the local militia of Middleboro' in 1810; Captain, Feb. 18, 1814; Major of 4th Regiment in 1816; Lieut.-Col. April 25, 1818. Was a member of the State Senate, Justice of Peace and Coroner. Both buried in Middleboro'.

John Peirce and wife Sarah Rounsevill (No. 16) had:

(59) Abiah, b. Dec. 24, 1756; m. Samuel Wood, of Middleboro'. Removed to Shutesbury, Mass.

(60) Nathan, b. June 24, 1758; m. Anna Hoar, of Shutesbury. He was a soldier in the Revolution.

(61) A child, born and died in 1761.

(62) Judith, b. Aug. 10, 1761; m. Dr. Moses Spear, of Shutesbury. He was deacon of the Baptist Church.

(63) Jacob, b. and died young, date unknown.

(64) John, b. March 1, 1766; m. Sarah Hoskins, of Shutesbury. He died April 23, 1841. She died May, 1849.

(65) Mary, b. Sept. 22, 1767; m. Deacon Joseph Hoskins, of Shutesbury. He d. Nov. 27, 1831.

(66) Sarah, b. Aug. 4, 1768; m. Jacob Church, of Shutesbury.

(67) Lois, b. March 1, 1772; m. —— Thayer.

(68) Eunice, m. Ensign Henry Hoskins, of Prescott. He was commissioned, April 19, 1809. Honorably discharged, Feb. 11, 1815.

John, the parent, married twice after the death of wife Sarah Rounsevill. John was born in Middleboro', now Lakeville, March 7, 1731; d. in Shutesbury, Mass., Jan. 9, 1823.

Col. JOHN NELSON and wife HOPE ROUNSEVILL (No. 17) had:

(69) Hope, b. July 28, 1761; m. Capt. Noble Canedy, of East Taunton. She died July 10, 1829. He was a Deputy Sheriff for Bristol Co., and Captain in the local militia of Taunton.*

(70) Hiram, b. Feb. 19, 1764; m. Mary Sampson, of Middleboro'. He died Feb. 7, 1838. She had what is called the old fashioned consumption, of which she lingered many years. Both buried in Lakeville, and have gravestones.

(71) Phebe, b. Aug. 16, 1766; died Aug., 1844; never married. Buried in Lakeville.

(72) Judith, b. Sept. 6, 1769; d. unm. Dec. 31, 1858.

(73) John, b. Oct. 19, 1771; d. unm. Aug. 1828.

(74) Ezra, b. Feb. 16, 1774; m. Abigail King, of Taunton. He died July 10, 1803. She died 1844.†

John Nelson, the parent, was a son of Lieut. Thomas Nelson, of Middleboro', now Lakeville, and born Oct. 25, 1737. Learned the trade of a blacksmith. Was commissioned Lieutenant of the 4th company of the local militia of Middleboro', in 1773. Promoted to Major of 4th Reg't, 1st Brigade, May 9, 1776; Colonel, July 1, 1781. Honorably discharged in 1787. As a Major he served for a brief period at Rhode Island, and also at New Bedford, in War of the Revolution; Justice of the Peace for Plymouth Co.; Selectman of Middleboro'.

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* Noble Canedy, as a private soldier in the patriot army of the Revolution, was on duty in Rhode Island in Dec., 1776. See Roll of Capt. Job Peirce's company on page 149 of this book.

† They were the parents of the late Dea. Horatio Nelson, of the Calvinistic Baptist Church in Lakeville, and also Town Clerk of that town in 1854. His sister was the wife of Capt. Abiel M. Sampson, and mother of Lieut. James Sampson, of the Union Army in late war.

Hon. Alden Spooner and wife Elizabeth Rounsevill (No. 20) had:

(75) Rounsevill, b. 1778; m. Susan ———. She died April 25, 1846, in her 67th year. He was a physician. He died March 17, 1844, aged 66 years. [Gravestone.]

(76) Sarah, never married.

(77) Jane. " "

Thomas Rounsevill (No. 21) and wife Phylena Hathaway had:

(78) Phylena, b. 1771; m. Josiah Brown, of Freetown. She died Oct. 23, 1806, and he married her sister.

(79) Deliverance, m. Nov. 13, 1796, Lieut. Jedediah Thomas, of Freetown. [Freetown Records.]

(80) Hopestill, b. Dec. 6, 1773; m. May 2, 1808, Josiah Brown, of Freetown. She died Oct. 10, 1837.

(81) Thomas, b. Oct. 31, 1775; was a musician in Capt. Simeon Ashley's company, of the Coast Guard at New Bedford, in June, 1814; married, Feb. 21, 1805, Huldah Keen, of New Bedford. He died Dec. 3, 1845.

(82) Elizabeth, b. 1779; d. June 9, 1843.

(83) Sally, m. Nov. 23, 1802, John Rounsevill, of Freetown (No. 43). He was a Deputy Sheriff.

(84) Polly, b. 1780; d. unm. Aug. 19, 1858.

(85) Lucinda, m. Dec. 2, 1805, Asa Macomber, of Middleboro'.

(86) John, m. no one; was scalded to death. [Trad.]

(87) Gilbert, b. 1787; d. March 11, 1789. [Gravesto.]

(88) Gilbert, b. 1789; m. twice: first, Huldah Lawrence, of Freetown; and second, Salome Booth. He died Oct. 27, 1850. He was a Deputy Sheriff. Was a Sergeant in Capt. Simeon Ashley's company of the Coast Guard at New Bedford, in June, 1814. Elected Representative to Gen. Court.

(89) Silas, b. Dec. 11, 1791; m. Mary Weston, of Fairhaven. He died Feb. 12, 1861. He was a soldier in Capt.

Simeon Ashley's company in the Coast Guard at New Bedford, in June, 1814. [Freetown and State Records.]

Philip Rounsevill (No. 23) and wife Mercy Cole had:

(90) Gamaliel, b. Oct. 12, 1776; m. Freelove Thompson, of Middleboro'. He was a Justice of the Peace, and a man of superior intelligence. Selectman of Middleboro'.

(91) Philip, b. Feb. 7, 1779; never married.

(92) Abial, b. Sept. 6, 1780; m. July 20, 1803, Betsey Ashley. [Freetown Records.]

(93) Hannah, b. April 12, 1783; m. April 13, 1806, Bradford Rounsevill, of Freetown.

(94) Ebenezer, b. Sept. 21, 1785; m. in 1808, Sally Rounsevill.

(95) Lydia, b. Dec. 3, 1787; never married.

(96) Phebe, never married. [Tradition.]

(97) Benjamin, b. Nov. 29, 1789; m. 1815, Ann Gifford, of Rochester.

(98) Joseph, b. March 25, 1792; m. Delia Lawrence. He was a soldier in the Coast Guard at New-Bedford, in June, 1814, in Capt. S. Ashley's company.

(99) Phylena, b. Aug. 12, 1794; m. June 10, 1814, Jonathan Washburn, of Dartmouth. [Freetown Records.]

(100) Alden, b. Oct. 26, 1797; m. 1822, Cornelia Ashley, of Freetown. He has been Selectman of Rochester.

(101) Robert G., m. 1827, Mrs. Delia Rounsevill, the widow of his brother Joseph Rounsevill. Robert G. died April 30, 1866.

William Rounsevill (No. 28) and wife Hannah Peirce had:

(102) Roena. [Tradition.]

Sylvester Rounsevill (No. 29) and wife Mary Peirce had:

(103) Peirce, m. Eunice. [Tradition.]

(104) Samuel, m. Nancy Kettell. "

(105) Sally, m. Seth Morse. "

Bradford Rounsevill (No. 34) and wife Hannah Rounsevill (No. 93) had:

(106) Ann.

Lieut. Leonard Hinds and wife Mary Rounsevill (No. 39) had:

(107) John, m. Mrs. Anna Peirce, the widow of Capt. Job Peirce, Jr. (No. 49). John was commissioned, March 17, 1811, Pay Master of the 2d regiment Bristol County militia, with the rank of a first Lieut. He died Dec. 1, 1811. The maiden name of his wife was Strobridge. She was a daughter of Lieut. Robert Strobridge, of Middleboro'. John was buried in the Peirce Family Cemetery in Lakeville, and has a gravestone bearing an inscription.

(108) Ruth.

Rev. William Rounsevill (No. 41) and wife Rhoda Durfee had:

(109) Catharine S., b. April 5, 1799; m. Aug. 15, 1815, Nahum Alger, of Bridgewater. She died Dec. 26, 1840. They were the parents of Rev. William R. Alger, of Boston.

(110) Job, m. Laura Washburn, of Bridgewater.

(111) William Jefferson, m. Lydia Booth, of Middleboro'. He died Nov. 12, 1842, and she married Noah Staples, of Taunton. She died 1874. He still lives.

(112) Betsey, m. Josiah Forbes, of Bridgewater.

(113) Arzelia, m. Henry Williams, of Easton.

(114) Rhoda.

The house where William the parent resided has recently been taken down. It stood in East Freetown, in what is called the Furnace Village.

Capt. Abraham Morton and wife Betsey Rounsevill (No. 42) had:

(115) William, b. 1792. [Tradition.]

(116) E——, b. 1794. [Tradition.]
(117) Artesea, b. 1800. "
(118) Selucia, b. 1802. "
(119) Elias Smith, b. 1805. "
(120) Daniel Hix, b. Sept. 3, 1810; lived in Marietta, Ohio. This family removed to Ohio in 1812, as I was told by Daniel H. Morton, when he visited me in Aug. 1865.

John Rounsevill (No. 43) and wife Sally Rounsevill (No. 83) had:

(121) Fanny, m. Jan. 25, 1828, Simeon Leach. She died Aug. 1864.
(122) Maria, m. Caleb Rogers, of Randolph.
(123) Charles, m. Mrs. Betsey Bolles, of Mattapoisett. He died in California.
(124) Mary, m. March 31, 1833, Paul Lawrence.
(125) Martha, m. Samuel Young, of Randolph.
(126) Sally, m. Pardon Gifford, of Fairhaven.
(127) Deborah.

Hezekiah Mason, Esq. and wife Sarah Rounsevill (No. 44) had:

(128) Levi R. He resided in New Bedford. Was Assessor of Freetown one year. For a time kept a country store in East Freetown, at a place called "Mason's Corner."
(129) Hezekiah.

Hezekiah the parent was appointed a Justice of the Peace for Bristol County, Feb. 24, 1825.

John Tobey and wife Fanny Rounsevill (No. 45) had:

(130) Nancy, m. Edward Pope Spooner, of Fairhaven, now Acushnet. He was a son of Dr. Rounsevill Spooner (No. 75). [Tradition.]

(131) Sally M. A., m. 1830, Lieut. James M. Morton, of East Freetown. He was b. April 28, 1803. Of the 3d Co. of the local militia in Freetown, he was commissioned, May 25, 1822, as Ensign; promoted to Lieutenant, Aug. 20, 1824. Honorably discharged, July 5, 1827. This company belonged to 5th Regiment, in 2d Brigade, 5th Division Mass. Militia. Hercules Cushman, of Freetown, was Colonel of this regiment; Shepherd Leach, of Easton, Brigadier General of the Brigade; and Benjamin Lincoln, of New Bedford, Maj.-General of the Division. [State and Town Records.]

(132) Rounsevill.

(133) Mary Ann, d. unm. [Tradition.]

(134) Catharine, m. John Weaver, of Troy, now Fall River. [Tradition.]

Thomas Rounsevill (No. 81) and wife Huldah Keen had:

(135) Obadiah, b. Feb. 17, 1808; m. Mary A. Gurney, of Freetown. [Freetown Records and Tradition.]

(136) John, b. Feb. 20, 1809. [Freetown Records.]

(137) Martin, b. May 30, 1811; m. Louisa Reed, of Middleboro'. Reside in Middleboro'.

(138) Betsey, b. March 24, 1813; m. Thomas Miller.

(139) Jesse K., b. March 24, 1816; m. 1846, Lydia A. Rounsevill, of Freetown. He died Nov. 13, 1849, and she m. Albert H. Chase, of Freetown. [Freetown Records.]

(140) Ruth, b. July 25, 1818; m. Hendrick Gifford, of Rochester. [Freetown Records and tradition.]

(141) William, b. Oct. 31, 1822; m. Abby Hudson, of Taunton. [Freetown Records and Tradition.]

(142) Gilbert, b. Dec. 31, 1827; m. Mary Macomber, of New Bedford. [Freetown Records and tradition.]

(143) Thomas, b. June 20, 1831. [Freetown Records.]

(144) Peregrine W., d. Sept. 4, 1852. " "

Gilbert Rounsevill (No. 88) and wife Huldah Lawrence had:

(145) Caroline, b. Sept. 17, 1811; shot, Oct. 6, 1821, by a boy who was carelessly handling a gun.

(146) Walter S., b. Dec. 7, 1813; m. Nov. 25, 1838, Ruth Evans, of Freetown. He was a Justice of the Peace for Bristol County from Feb. 17, 1848, to his death; and Selectman of Freetown two years. He died in California, Jan. 11, 1853. [State and Freetown Records.]

(147) Huldah, b. March 21, 1816; m. March 20, 1837, William Dean, of Freetown. He was Selectman of Freetown, for years 1871–72–73–74. Representative to General Court one year. They reside in Assonet Village.

By 2d wife, Salome Booth, had:

(148) Marcus M., b. Jan. 14, 1820; m. Nov. 26, 1846, Elizabeth C. Evans, of Freetown. Of company I, third Regt. Light Infantry, he was commissioned, Nov. 22, 1851, as Lieutenant; promoted to Captain March 19, 1853. Honorably discharged Feb. 1854.* He was Selectman of Freetown, 1856-57, and 1859. Representative to General Court one year. Resides in East Freetown.

(149) Susan C., b. Nov. 3, 1824; m. Oct. 22, 1842, John Long, of Bridgewater. They live in Randolph, Mass.

Huldah, the first wife of Gilbert Rounsevill, was a daughter of Rev. John Lawrence, of East Freetown; Salome, the second wife, was a daughter of Abiel Booth.

Silas Rounsevill (No. 89) and wife Mary Weston had:

(150) Mary, b. 1822; died Feb. 3, 1857; never married.

(151) Delia, b. Dec. 17, 1823; m. Feb. 18, 1848, Arad T. Leach, of Freetown. [Freetown Records.]

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* At that time the Field Officers of the 3d Regt. were: Stephen Thomas, of Middleboro', Colonel; Ebenezer W. Peirce, of Lakeville, Lieut.-Colonel; and Rogers L. Bartsow, of Mattapoisett, Major. Eliab Ward, of Middleboro', was Brig. General.

(152) Jane, b. Oct. 25, 1825; m. May 3, 1846, F. A. Cleveland, of Freetown. He was a soldier in the late war.

(153) Silas, b. Oct. 22, 1828; d. April 28, 1834.

(154) Abigail, b. Sept. 17, 1832; m. Jan. 9, 1859, Osmond F. Braley, Esq., of Freetown. Has been an Assessor of that town.

(155) Phylena, b. March 28, 1835; m. Edward A. Braley.

(156) Simon D., b. Feb. 1837; was a volunteer in the late war; died June 9, 1863, from a disease contracted in the army. He served in the 3d Mass. Regiment.

(157) George B., b. May 1, 1839; d. Dec. 28, 1861.

(158) Elnathan, b. Oct. 14, 1840; d. May 27, 1841.

Gamaliel Rounsevill, Esq. (No. 90) and wife Freelove Thompson had:

(159) Josephine, b. Nov. 24, 1825; m. Van Benthuysen.

(160) Harriet, b. Nov. 18, 1827; m. —— Washburn.

(161) Elizabeth T., b. Aug., 1830; m. —— Washburn.

(162) Abby K., b. Oct. 14, 1840.

Abial Rounsevill (No. 92) and wife Betsey Ashley had:

(163) Macomber, b. 1804; d. Oct. 5, 1854.

(164) Amos.

(165) Clarinda, m. Pardon Gifford, of Fairhaven.

(166) Mercy, m. —— Nye, of Fall River.

(167) Abial.

(168) Sophronia, m. Hosea Presho, of Raynham.

(169) Betsey, m. Elbridge Werden, of Providence.

(170) Cyrus, m. Irene Ashley, of Freetown.

(171) Ebenezer.

Ebenezer Rounsevill (No. 94) and wife Sally Rounsevill had:

(172) Philip.

(173) Asenath.

Benjamin Rounsevill (No. 97) and wife Ann Gifford had:

(174) Henry.
(175) Rhoda, m. Nye Gifford, of Rochester.
(176) Sally.
(177) William.
(178) Robert G.
(179) Joseph.

Joseph Rounsevill (No. 98) and wife Delia Lawrence had:

(180) Hannah, b. Aug. 4, 1817; m. June 12, 1837, Elam N. Davis, of Freetown.
(181) Joseph W., b. July 30, 1827; m. Susan C. Allen.

Alden Rounsevill (No. 100) and wife Cornelia Ashley had:

(182) Alden, m. Roxanna Gammons, of Rochester, Mass.
(183) Horace.
(184) Cornelia, Preceptress of Rochester Academy.
(185) Phylena.
(186) Sarah, m. John Cudworth, of Lakeville, Mass.

Alden, the parent, has been a Selectman of the town of Rochester, Mass.

Robert G. Rounsevill (No. 101) and wife Mrs. Delia Rounsevill had:

(187) Lydia A., m. Nov. 26, 1846, Jesse K. Rounsevill. He died, and she married, 2d, Jan. 16, 1853, Albert H. Chase.
(188) Oliver, m. Mary Ashley, of Middleboro', Mass.
(189) Amanda, m. William J. Rounsevill, of Freetown. He died in 1867, and she married Michael Bennett, of N. Rochester, Mass. He is a farmer.
(190) Edwin T., m. Annie C. Evans, of Freetown.

Robert G., the parent, died April 30, 1866.

NAHUM ALGER and wife CATHARINE S. ROUNSEVILL (No. 109) had :

(191) Angeline.

(192) James.

(193) William R., b. Dec. 30, 1822; m. 1847, Anne L. Lodge, of Boston. He was a graduate of Cambridge Theological School, in 1847, and the same year became the minister of a Unitarian Society at Roxbury, and in 1855 exchanged for a similar charge in Boston, and preached at the Music Hall, in that city. In 1851, he published "A Symbolic History of the Cross of Christ." In 1856, "The Poetry of the East." His chief work is "A Critical History of the Doctrine of a Future Life." [Dictionary of American Biography.]

WILLIAM JEFFERSON ROUNSEVILL (No. 111) and wife LYDIA BOOTH had :

(194) William J., m. Amanda Rounsevill (No. 189) of Freetown. He died, and she married Michael Bennett, of North Rochester, Mass.

(195) Levi, m. twice: first, Frances Dean, of Taunton; second, Maria Davis, of Raynham. [Tradition.]

(196) Susan M., m. George F. Godfrey, of Taunton.

(197) Charity P., m. Lorenzo D. Braley, of Freetown.

(198) John A.

(199) Hannah, m. William Chase, of Freetown.

(200) Valerian, m. Gilbert Read, of Taunton.

After the death of William Jefferson Rounsevill, the parent, Lydia, the mother, became the wife of Noah Staples, of Taunton. She died in 1874. She was Staples's second wife. He is still living.

OBADIAH ROUNSEVILL (No. 135) and wife MARY A. GURNEY had :

(201) Mary Jane. [Tradition.]

(202) Nancy. [Tradition.]
(203) Obadiah. "

Martin Rounsevill (No. 137) and wife Louisa Reed had:

(204) Thomas. A practical printer.

Jesse K. Rounsevill (No. 139) and wife Lydia A. Rounsevill (No. 187) had:

(205) Philander G., b. May, 1847.

Jesse, the parent, died Nov. 13, 1849.

William Rounsevill (No. 141) and wife Abby Hudson had:

(206) William.
(207) Frederick.
(208) Mary T.
(209) Albert.

Walter S. Rounsevill Esq. (No. 146) and wife Ruth Evans had:

(210) Caroline B.
(211) Walter S.
(212) Emogene, m. —— Washburn.
(213) Mary F.

William Dean and wife Huldah Rounsevill (No. 147) had:

(214) William R., b. Aug. 22, 183–; m. Oct. 29, 1863, Eliza E. Macomber, of Freetown. They reside in Assonet Village, Freetown.

Capt. Marcus M. Rounsevill* (No. 148) and wife Elizabeth C. Evans had:

(215) Myra, b. Sept. 20, 1847; m. Abiel Ashley, of Fairhaven. [Freetown Records.]

* He has in his possession the tavern sign of Capt. John Rounsevill (No. 8), his great-grandfather. It bears the date of "1771," and words "Civil Entertainment by I. and S. R.," meaning John and Sarah Rounsevill. The tavern stood on the spot of ground now occupied by the house of Capt. Marcus M. Rounsevill.

(216) Luman D. L., b. Oct. 2, 1849. [Freetown Rec.]
(217) Arthur, b. Aug. 10, 1851. " "
(218) Samuel B., b. Oct. 11, 1853 ; d. Aug. 15, 1854.
(219) Harry G.
(220) Elizabeth M.

This family reside in East Freetown.

. This number of 220 persons might, I think, have been extended to about 300 lineal descendants of William Rounsevill, of Honiton, their English ancestor, had a proper interest been manifested by some of these descendants, whose names are embodied herein, but who in response to my request did not furnish me with the names and dates of the births of their children, which names and dates are as a consequence omitted.

In what has been shown, it clearly appears that the Rounsevills were respectable people, and possessed, at least, an ordinary share of practical common sense.

Philip, the emigrant, was, for the time in which he lived, a very wealthy man, and distinguished by uncommon foresight, possessing in an eminent degree the faculties sometimes expressed by the term "long-headed."

His grandson, Capt. Levi Rounsevill (No. 13), commanded all the Minute Men of Freetown that responded at the Lexington Alarm, or at least all that the writer has been able to find an account of in the archives of this State in the Secretary's office at Boston. If others participated, their names do not there appear.

A great-grandson of the emigrant, Rev. William Rounsevill (No. 41), was distinguished as a legislator, being elected by his townsmen for ten consecutive years to represent them in the General Court at Boston. He was an eloquent speaker—some of his powers of expression and oratory having descended to his grandson, Rev. William Rounsevill Alger, of Boston.

The writer has long since come to the conclusion, that one of the most fortunate acts of his grandfather (Capt. Job Peirce) was that of taking to wife Elizabeth Rounsevill (No. 15).* She proved a great and inestimable blessing to him during the whole of their married life, and also to their children after him. I seldom if ever think of him but in my heart to feel grateful and honor his memory for conferring upon his posterity the inestimable privilege and blessing of descending from such a mother. That act of his secured to his children and children's children, a blessing beyond the value of gold or price of rubies. Alas! how many by that act entail on their posterity an endless, overwhelming curse, running through all their lives — a curse like that where "the worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched."

As a slight token of my love, and the veneration that I feel for the memory of that grandmother, the requisite materials have been collected, and this sketch of the Rounsevill family prepared and presented in print by her grandson, the writer.

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* It is a singular fact, and at the same time one that speaks volumes in this family's praise, that in tracing the Rounsevill history for about two hundred years, I have not learned of a single case of divorce. People will yet come to learn that the qualities which cause divisions in families, separations and divorces, are inherited as much as complexion, color of eyes or hair; in a word, natural intelligence or stupidity, amiability, or its opposite thorough disagreeableness.

THE SHEFFIELD FAMILY.

For several reasons, sufficient at least to influence the mind and control the conduct of the writer, the account herein presented concerning the Sheffield Family is intentionally brief.

Enough in the little given is plainly discoverable and amply sufficient to show that the Sheffields were no ordinary people, but, on the contrary, very extraordinary men—those by nature designed, and by attainment eminently qualified to lead and to fill with honor to themselves and the satisfaction of the people of Massachusetts and Rhode Island colonies, positions of trust, such as would not have been conferred upon them but for their acknowledged ability and well known integrity.

It is one of those races a writer takes pleasure in tracing, and particularly so if at the same time he is aware that coursing his own veins is the same blood which flowed in theirs, and that his own better nature is a legitimate result of the noble impulses of such blood, and that whatever else has been bestowed upon him or her by ancestors, this is their best gift and by far the richest inheritance.

The writer would tender his thanks to Hon. William P. Sheffield, of Newport, R. I., for information resulting from his extended researches, but does not deem it advisable in this connection to attempt any account of the family's transatlantic history, or to enlarge upon or even repeat the items of information that gentleman has supplied in such direction.

To do anything like justice to the subject, on such an ex-

tended scale, is beyond my power at this time, and hence I confine myself to such fields of its labor as my attainments and time will permit me to gather in the harvest, leaving all pertaining to its European, and much also of its American history, to some one with more time, and the requisite means at his or her disposal, to gather in and garner for the use and benefit of those descendants who now are, and generations yet unborn.

Ichabod Sheffield* and wife Mary Parker had:

(2) Joseph, b. Aug. 22, 1661. Was Representative from the town of Portsmouth, R. I., to the General Court of that colony in 1696, and at that date he was also made "Governor's Assistant," a place corresponding somewhat to that of Senator and Councillor. He held the office of Governor's Assistant ten years. Was commissioned Captain of the local militia in Portsmouth in 1700; made Attorney General of the colony in 1704, and also elected as an agent of the Rhode Island government to transact its business in England.

(3) Mary, b. April 30, 1664.

(4) Nathaniel, b. April 8, 1667. Was commissioned Lieutenant of militia in or before 1701; promoted to Captain in 1702; represented Newport in the General Court in 1701, and again in 1702; elected Treasurer of the colony in May, 1705, and by annual elections was continued in that responsible office for the term of four years. May 3, 1710, he was promoted to "Major Commandant"† of the 1st R. I.

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* Ichabod Sheffield, the parent, is thought to have been a son of Joseph Sheffield, of Portsmouth, Rhode Island. Joseph Sheffield was Moderater of the annual town meeting in Portsmouth, held March 13, 1643.

† At that date in Rhode Island Colony, the rank and commission of a regimental commander was Major instead of Colonel. It had been so in Massachusetts and Plymouth Colonies, but at about the date of uniting Massachusetts and Plymouth governments, the rank of regimental commander was changed to that of colonel.

The first Rhode Island Regiment then embraced all the militia of the Island of Rhode Island. It had been commanded by Major Roger Golding, the same man who

Regiment, and for many years was a Justice of the Peace. In 1718 he was again a member of the Colonial Court, and Speaker or presiding officer of that body.

(5) Ichabod, b. March 6, 1670; m. in 1694, Elizabeth Manchester, a daughter of William Manchester.

(6) Amos, b. June 25, 1673; m. twice: first, March 5, 1696, Anna Pearce, of Tiverton. She was a daughter of Ensign John Pearce, of Portsmouth and of Tiverton. She died Nov. 27, 1706, aged 32 years, 9 ms. and 13 ds. Amos m. for a second wife, Dec. 22, 1708, Sarah ——, of Little Compton.* He was Town Clerk of Tiverton, and several times elected to represent that town in the Massachusetts Assembly or General Court; Assessor of Tiverton in 1703 and 1709; Selectman in 1705 and 1707; Town Treasurer in 1709. Had the title of Captain, and probably held the commission of Captain in the local militia. His will bore date of April 17, 1707, and was proved in the Court of Probate, June 9, 1710. The precise date of his death has not come to my knowledge. Probably he died in April or May, 1710. He was by trade a blacksmith.

Capt. Amos Sheffield (No. 6) and wife Anna Pearce had:

(7) Susan, b. Oct. 11, 1697.

(8) John, b. Jan. 8, 1699; m. Aug. 30, 1722, Martha Taber. [Town Records of Tiverton.]

(9) Mary, b. April 2, 1701. [Town Rec. of Tiverton.]

(10) Ruth, "born January 10, on the second day of the week, in the year 1704, about one o'clock in the afternoon;" m. April 11, 1723, Benjamin Weaver, of Freetown, and afterwards of Swansea, that part called Showamet, now Som-

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rescued Captain Benjamin Church and his command from their perilous situation at the battle of the "Peas Field," fought July 8, 1675. Major Roger Golding once owned the land where the village of Assonet in Freetown now stands.

* The act of uniting them in marriage was performed by Col. Benjamin Church, then a Justice of the Peace for the County of Bristol, but the surname of the bride does not appear. This was the Indian-hunter Church.

erset. His will bore date, Nov. 19, 1774, and an inventory of his real estate and personal property was taken Feb. 25, 1775. [Town Records of Tiverton and Probate Records of Bristol Co.] He died in or about Jan. 1775.

By second wife SARAH —— had :

(11) Aaron, b. Dec. 8, 1709. [Town Rec. of Tiverton.]

That Capt. Amos Sheffield, the parent, was an influential citizen and decidedly leading man in Tiverton, the earliest published records of that town now extant present the most conclusive evidence; but unfortunately the first or earliest book of that town's public records, and wherein were recorded its acts and doings performed in its corporate capacity as a town, has become sadly defaced and torn, some of the leaves loosened in the binding, and from a somewhat hasty inspection by the writer, he thinks, or at least is led to fear, that some leaves have been lost. Enough, however, intact remains to show that Capt. Amos Sheffield was Town Clerk, Selectman, Assessor, Treasurer, Juryman and Representative to the General Court at Boston, and held some of these offices by repeated elections, which evidence in and of itself proves him to have been neither libertine or fool, but one in whom his associates had confidence, for whom they entertained respect and the people delighted to honor.

"A train band Captain eke was he,"

or such we seem justified in considering him to have been, as he bore the title of Captain, and in his last will and testament bequeathed to his son John his sword and belt. If Captain, he commanded all the militia of the town that then composed a part of the Bristol County regiment, all the militia of the county then being embodied in one regiment, of which the Hon. Nathaniel Byfield, of Bristol, Judge of Probate for the county, was Colonel; Benjamin Church, of Little Compton, the slayer of King Philip, and who captured Annowon, that Nimrod of the red man, was Lieut.-Colonel,

and the justly distinguished Thomas Leonard, of Taunton, was Major. Such were the men with whom as a commissioned officer, and in his military capacity he was brought to associate. By trade he was a blacksmith, though owning quite extensive tracts of land, and doubtless carrying on, to a considerable extent, agricultural pursuits.

What more has by the writer been learned concerning him was chiefly derived from the perusal of his will, a copy of which, *verbatim et literatim*, has been transcribed from the Probate Records at Taunton, and is here presented to all readers desirous to know what it contains.

CAPT. AMOS SHEFFIELD'S WILL.

In the Name of God Amen. The ſeventeenth day of April 1707, I Amos Sheffield of Tiverton in the County of Bristol within her Majeſᵗᵃ Province of Massachuſetts Bay in New England Blackſmith being in health of Body and of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God, and calling to mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing it is appointed to all men once to die Do make and ordain this my last will and Testament that is to ſay Principally and first of all I give and Reccomend my ſoul into the hands of God that gave it. And as touching ſuch worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleaſed God to Bleſs me in this life I give Demise and Diſpose of the same in manner and form following.

Impᵗˢ. I give and bequeath to my ſon John Sheffield my now Dwelling house with all my Right of lands in the house lotts and my Right in the Gore of land at the head of the ſaid Lotts and to be at his Diſpoſal when he hath arrived to Twenty-one years of age to have and to hold to him his heirs and aſsigns forever and my Black Mare Coalt to be at his Diſpose immediately after my Decease and my Books entitled Josephus Antiquities of the Jews.

Item. I Give and bequeath to my three Daughters Susana, Mary, and Ruth Sheffield all that my six score acre lott it being in number the ſeventh lott in the ſecond Division of Pocaſset Purchase.

To have and to hold to them their heirs and aſsigns to be Eaqually Divided betwixt them their parts to be ſeverally at their Diſpoſe when they shall arrive to Eighteen years of age or Marriage.

Item. I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Susana A feather Bed and Bolster and two pair of sheets and two pair of Blanketts and a Coverlid and my Great bible and my great plain Chest and four nap-

kins by her to be Poſſeſsed and Enjoyed at Eighteen years of Age or Marriage as aforeſaid.

Item. I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary one feather Bed and Bolster and two pair of sheets and two pair of Blankets and Coverlid and a small bible with a small Chest and the box that was her mothers by her to be Poſſeſsed and Enjoyed at Eighteen years of age or at Marriage aforesd.

Item. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Ruth one feather bed and Bolster and two pair of sheets and two parts of Blankets and a Coverlid with a small chest and a box which is make of Oake and a woolen wheel and a book entitled the holy war by her to be Poſſeſsed and Enjoyed at Eighteen years of age or Marriage aforesd.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my ſon John Sheffield three beds and two Bolsters one of them a sikk Graſs Bed and another filled with Deers Hair and the other bed is filled with flocks with three pair of Blankets and two pair of sheets and a wainscot Chest with Drawers and a great Pine Box and a Table with a Maple leaff and a Drawer in it, and my sword and Belt and my Little Gun and my ſett of Curtains All to be by him poſſeſsed and Enjoyed when he shall arrive at Twenty one years of age as aforeſaid.

And further my will and meaning is that after all the aforeſaid bequests are taken out of my Estate the Remainder of the household Goods shall be equally divided betwixt my four Children before named.

And further I do Constitute make and ordain my Loving father in law John Pearce and Mary Pearce his now wife to be my ſole Executor and Executrix to this my last will and Testament

And further my will is that after all my just debts are payd the Remaining part of my moovable Estate abroad I leave to the Diſposal of my Executor and Executrix before named for the vſe and bringing up of my Children.

And my will is that after my deceaſe all my houſeing and lands and my smiths shop and my working Tools thereunto belonging shall be Rented or lett out untill my ſon John Sheffield arrives to Twenty one years of age and ye Rent thereof to be for the bringing up of my Children.

Item. I give and bequeath to my ſon John Sheffield my ſmiths shop and my Barn and all my buildings whatsoever to him his heirs and aſsigns forever to be Poſſeſsed by him at Twenty one years of age as aboveſaid.

And likewiſe my ſmiths Tools if he Learneth the art or mistery of a Blacksmith and if not then to be ſold by Executor and Executrix before named and my ſon John to have one third part of what they are ſold for and the other two thirds to be equally divided between my three Daughters before named.

And my will is that my ſon John Sheffield shall be put apprentice to Learn what Trade he shall best Like when he arrives at the age of sixteen years old.

And likewise my three Daughters above named to be put out ſeverally as they arrive to sixteen years of age to Learn the Trade of a Taylor my daughter Mary Sheffield to be put to Elizabeth Cook her Aunt to learn ſaid trade. And my four children above named I do commit to the care and custodie of my Exec^{r} and Executrix before named to be brought up and Diſposed of as above s^{d}.

And my will and meaning is that after all my children are brought up ye Remainder of my Estate which is not before in this my will given nor bequeathed shall be eaqually Divided betwixt my four Children before named.

And I do hereby utterly diſallow Revoke and Diſowne all and every other former Testaments wills Legacies and bequests and Executors by me in any way beforé named willed or bequeathed Ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and Testament. In witneſs whereof I have hereunto ſett my hand and ſeal this day and year above written.

AMOS SHEFFIELD (Seal)

Signed sealed published pronounced and declared by the said Amos Sheffield as his last will and Testament in the presence of the subscribers.

JOHN LINDSAY,
THOMAS CORY,
SAMUEL JENNINGS.

Entered September 7. 1710
By John Cary Register.

This will was proved in Probate court June 9, 1710. An Inventory of Capt. Sheffield's effects was taken April 1, 1710, and appraised by Edward Grey, Joseph Wanton and John Reed, Jr. Valued at 474 pounds 4 shillings.

BENJAMIN WEAVER and wife RUTH SHEFFIELD (No. 10) had:

(12) Benjamin, m. Nov. 4, 1753, Joanna Barnaby, of Freetown.* He was a master mariner, and drowned in or

* Their son Benjamin Weaver, born June 25, 1755, was a Sergeant, and next a Captain in the patriot forces of the American Revolution; promoted July 10, 1788, to Lieut.-Colonel. He m. in 1783, Amy, a daughter of Joseph Brownell, Esq., of Portsmouth, R. I., and their oldest daughter, Joanna Weaver, born May 8, 1786, became the wife of Ebenezer Peirce, Esq., of Freetown, and mother of Ebenezer W. Peirce, the author of this work.

about 1756. She m. in 1758, Col. Sylvester Childs, of Warren, R. I. She d. May 18, 1773. [Freetown Records.]

(13) Samuel, m. Jan. 9, 1761, Wait Read, of Freetown.

(14) Parker, m. Mary ——.

(15) Anna,* m. Nov. 29, 1745, David Evans, Jr., of Freetown. [Freetown Records.]

(16) Ruth, m. March 8, 1752, Stoughton Potter, of Dartmouth. [Swansea Records.]

(17) Eunice,† m. Lieut. Jonathan Read, of Freetown.

(18) Elizabeth, m. —— Look.

.* Their son Benjamin Evans, born in Freetown, Jan. 9, 1749, m. Thankful Winslow, of Freetown. Benjamin, as Ensign of the first company of the local militia of Freetown, served in Rhode Island twelve days in August, 1780. He was an Assessor of Freetown in 1779, '83 and '84.

† Their son Ichabod Read served in Capt. Henry Brightman's company, on duty in Rhode Island in 1780. He was commissioned Lieutenant of the second company in Freetown, June 8, 1789. Promoted to Captain, Oct. 22, 1793. Died Dec. 5, 1796.

THE SHELLEY FAMILY.

ROBERT SHELLEY had lands in Scituate (then in Plymouth Colony, now in Massachusetts) as early as 1636. His wife came from Boston, but I have not been able to learn either her christian or surname. They were married at Scituate, Sept. 26, 1636—Mr. Hatherly performing the legal ceremony. Robert Shelley was made a member of the Congregational church May 14, 1637; a freeman of Plymouth Colony in 1638. He removed to Barnstable in 1640.

The dates at which their children were born, I have been unable to learn, but the church records inform when these were sprinkled, and this ordinance doubtless was administered soon after birth, as was then the usual custom.

ROBERT SHELLEY and wife had the following named children baptized or sprinkled at the dates given. [See Records of Scituate and Barnstable Congregational Church.]

(2) Hannah, July 2, 1637; m. March 9, 1652, to David Lynnett, by Thomas Hinckley.

(3) Mary, Nov. 2, 1639; m. Jan. 25, 1665, Sergeant William Harlow, of Plymouth. She was his third wife.

(4) John, July 31, 1642.

The dates of marriages and names of those persons with whom they were united, were taken from the Old Colony Records.

Judith Shelley joined the church in Scituate, Mass., Aug. 25, 1644. The church record says that she "joyned by dissmission from ye church att Boston." So it would appear

that she had previously resided in Boston. Whether she was the wife of Robert Shelley I have not learned.

Serg't William Harlow and wife Mary Shelley (No. 3) had:

(5) Hannah, b. Oct. 28, 1666.

(6) Bathsheba, b. April 21, 1668.

(7) Joanna, b. March 24, 1669; m. James Barnaby,* of Plymouth. He died July 5, 1726. She died Sept. 4, 1725. [See gravestones in Fall River.]

(8) Mehitabel, b. Oct. 4, 1672.

(9) Judith, b. Aug. 2, 1676; m. twice: first, Joseph Church, of Plymouth. He died in 1707, and she m. second, in 1710, Stephen Barnaby.†

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* James Barnaby and wife Joanna Harlow (No. 7) had a son Ambrose, b. at Plymouth, in 1706; married Elizabeth Gardiner, of Swansea, July 4, 1728, and they had a daughter, born June 26, 1733, and christened Joanna to bear up the name of her grandmother. That daughter was m. Nov. 4, 1753, to Capt. Benjamin Weaver, Jr., master mariner, of Swansea, and afterwards of Freetown, and their only child, born June 25, 1755, was named Benjamin, and he became a Captain in the Revolutionary War, and subsequently a Lieut.-Colonel. Col. Weaver married Amy Brownell, of Portsmouth, R. I., in 1783, and their oldest daughter was named Joanna. She became the wife of Ebenezer Peirce, Esq., and mother of the writer and compiler of this brief historic sketch of the Shelley Family. She was born May 8, 1786; died Jan. 6, 1859. Her husband was born May 26, 1775, and died January 6, 1845. They died in the same month of the year, and same day of the month, and almost at the same hour in the day, their deaths being separated by the term of just fourteen years.

The writer was never acquainted with any person bearing the name of Shelley; and his only reason for introducing this notice of the family, is that they appear among those of his ancestors whose names and the knowledge of whose former existence he hopes by the act of publishing this book may be rescued from oblivion.

† He was a brother of James Barnaby who married Joanna Harlow. Lydia, the mother of James and Stephen, was first cousin to Benjamin Church, the Indian hunter.

THE WARREN FAMILY.

In each and every preceding account of a family, when presenting their history and genealogy, I have, save in one single instance (viz., that of the Rounsevill family), confined myself to what pertains to their American history, tracing back, wherever I could, to their emigrant ancestor, and attempting and attaining to nothing more remote.

A letter from the English ancestor of the Rounsevill family to his son the emigrant, having by the lineal descendants been carefully preserved and by them submitted to my inspection, I was thereby enabled to do for that family what I could not do for any other, and, save that of Warren, cannot accomplish for any one of those families whose history I have briefly and imperfectly considered, and now in book form present for the perusal of my readers.

Unlike the other families, that of Warren has had its transatlantic history sought out and learned by those of American birth, and the results of that praiseworthy and truly laudable undertaking have found a place in print, whereby I am enabled to present concerning that family very valuable and interesting facts, and these covering a period of time that the history of all the other families is (so far as I know) veiled in mystery, shrouded in Egyptian darkness, or a darkness that can be felt, and by me is felt, and when my work shall come to be read will doubtless be realized by many others.

For this transatlantic information we are mainly indebted to the labors and researches of the late Dr. John C. Warren,

in Europe in 1851, who then visited
. town of Lewes, the castle which was the
dle first Earl of Warren, the venerable and
ig church of Southover, and the little chapel of this
arch consecrated to the remains of William and Gundreda, with its curious monumental stone.

The Norwegians, Swedes and Danes, by a united effort, were successful in forming a settlement in the northern part of France, that called Neustria, from which circumstance that part of the country acquired the name of Normandy. This settlement was made about the year 900 of the Christian era. A Danish knight had Gunnora, Herfastus, Wevia, Werina, Duvelina and Sainfra. Gunnora married Richard Duke of Normandy; Herfastus married a daughter of Walter de St. Martin; Werina married Osmund de comitis villa.

The first Warren known on English soil was William Earl of Warren, who accompanied William the Conqueror. He took an important part in the battle of Hastings, fought Oct. 14, 1066, and was so highly esteemed by the Conqueror that the latter gave him lands in almost every county in England, and also conferred on him the Earldom of Surrey. He had been Earl of Warren in Normandy, France; but on settling in England selected for his residence the village of Lewes, in the county of Sussex. He is numbered 12 in the genealogy. He married Gundreda, a daughter of William the Conqueror.

The remains of the castle of William Earl of Warren (No. 12) may still be seen on an eminence commanding the town. The principal part is demolished, but the gate still continues.

On the 28th of Oct. 1845, the coffins of William Earl of Warren and Gundreda his wife were disintered. Their remains were in leaden chests surrounded with stones. The bones of the Earl showed him to have been about six feet two inches in height, and that the stature of his wife was

five feet eight inches. Their christian names were found to be plainly inscribed on the ends of their respective coffins.

William, second Earl of Warren and Surrey. He was among those who took part with Robert Duke of Normandy, and when the latter, in the autumn of 1101, landed at Portsmouth, his standard was joined by William, second Earl of Warren and Surrey, which caused him to lose his large English possessions, and obliged him also to retire with Duke Robert into Normandy. His earldom of Surrey, thus lost, was estimated to be worth yearly a thousand pounds of silver, or fifteen thousand pounds as at present.

All was finally restored to him, and he became and continued one of King Henry's best friends.

In an application for marriage to Maud, he was disappointed—she afterwards becoming the wife of King Henry I. William, the second Earl of Warren and Surrey, married Isabel, third daughter of Hugh the Great, who was Earl of Vermandoise. She was the widow of Robert de Beaumont, Earl of Mellent in Normandy and Leicester in England.

William, the third Earl of Warren, married Adela, only daughter of William Talvace, Earl of Ponthieu and Sars. William, the third Earl of Warren (No. 28 in the genealogy), engaged in a crusade and was slain by the Turks in 1147. His heart was brought to England and buried. Adela, the wife, died Dec. 10, 1174.

William de Blois, fourth Earl of Warren and Surrey, was third and youngest son of King Stephen, and by marriage with Isabel, sole issue of William the third Earl of Warren and Surrey, obtained the title.

Hameline Plantagenet, fifth Earl of Warren and Surrey, was a natural son of Geoffry Plantagenet, and therefore brother of King Henry II. by marriage with Isabel, widow of the last Earl. The fifth Earl of Warren died in May, 1202. He was buried on the seventh of that month. The Countess Isabel died in July, 1199.

William, the sixth Earl of Warren and Surrey, was eldest son of Hameline Plantagenet and Isabel his wife. He in 1213 was one of the four barons who became sureties to the Pope for King John in regard to matters of excommunication. He died at London in June, 1239. His first wife was Maud, daughter of William d'Albini, Earl of Arundel. She had no children. She died Feb. 2, 1215. Second wife was Maud, widow of Hugh Bigod Earl of Norfolk, and eldest daughter of William Mareschal Earl of Pembroke. She died March 31, 1236.

John, seventh Earl of Warren, was a son of William, sixth Earl of Warren and Maud his wife. He m. Alice, a daughter of Hugh le Brun, Earl of the Marches of Acquitaine. He died near London, Sept. 27, 1304, aged 69. Their children were William, Eleanor and Isabel. William was unfortunately killed in a tournament at Croydon, Dec. 15, 1286. His son John became the successor of the grandfather.

John, eighth Earl of Warren, was born June 30, 1286. He m. Joan, daughter of Henry Earl of Barr, and granddaughter of King Edward I. He died June 30, 1347. He died without lawful issue, and his inheritance went to Alice, his sister, who m. Edmund Earl of Arundel. The title thus reverted to the crown, and the estate was taken by King Edward III.

A Danish Knight had:

(2) Gunnora, m. Richard Duke of Normandy.
(3) Herfastus, m. Walter de St. Martin.
(4) Wevia.
(5) Werina, m. Osmund de comitis villa.
(6) Duvelina.
(7) Sainfra.

RICHARD I. DUKE OF NORMANDY and GUNNORA his wife (No. 2) had:

(8) Richard II. Duke of Normandy. Richard, the parent, died in 960.

WALTER DE ST. MARTIN and HERFASTUS (No. 3) his wife had:

(9) William de Warren, Earl of Warren in Normandy. He m. a daughter of Rolph de Torta.

RICHARD II. DUKE OF NORMANDY (No. 8) had:

(10) Richard III. Duke of Normandy, died in 1027 without issue, and was succeeded in the dukedom by his younger brother.

(11) Robert. He died in 1035.

WILLIAM DE WARREN (No. 9) and wife had:

(12) William de Warren, the first Earl of Warren and Surrey. He m. Gundred (No. 23), daughter of William, King of England, surnamed "the Conqueror."

ROBERT DUKE OF NORMANDY (No. 11) had:

(13) William, King of England, surnamed the Conqueror. "William the Conqueror" m. Maud, a daughter of Baldwin Earl of Flanders. He was born at Falaise, Oct. 14, 1024; d. Sept. 9, 1087. William was illegitimate, but Robert acknowledged him as his son.

WILLIAM, first EARL OF WARREN (No. 12) and GUNDRED (No. 23) his wife had:

(14) William de Warren, second Earl of Warren. He m. Isabel ——. She d. Feb. 13, 1131. He d. May 11, 1138.

(15) Reginald de Warren.

(16) Gundred.

(17) Edith.

(18) A daughter, name not learned.

WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR, KING OF ENGLAND (No. 13) and MAUD his wife had:

(19) Robert Duke of Normandy.

(20) Richard Duke of Bernay.

(21) William, King of England, surnamed Rufus; crowned King, Sept. 26, 1087; accidentally slain, Aug. 2, 1100, while hunting in the forest.

(22) Henry, King of England, surnamed Beauclerk; born at Selby, county of York, in 1070; crowned King, Aug. 5, 1100, or three days after his brother's death.

(23) Gundred, m. William de Warren, the first Earl of Warren and Surrey (No. 12).

(24) Cecilia.

(25) Alice.

(26) Constance.

(27) Agatha.

WILLIAM DE WARREN, the second Earl of Warren (No. 14), and ISABEL his wife had:

(28) William de Warren, the third Earl of Warren. He m. Adela, daughter of William Falvace,* Earl of Ponthern and Sars. William (No. 28) joined in a crusade and was slain by the Turks in 1147. His wife died Dec. 10, 1174.

(29) Reginald de Warren, m. Adela, a daughter of Roger de Mowbray.

(30) Rolph de Warren.

(31) Gundred.

(32) Ada, m. in 1139, Henry Earl of Huntington, eldest son of David, King of Scots, and they were the parents of Malcome and William, kings of Scotland, and David, Earl of Huntington.

* See book of corrections

WILLIAM DE WARREN, the third Earl of Warren (No. 28), and ADELA his wife had:

(33) Isabel, Countess of Warren and Surrey. She m. Hameline Platagenet. He died in May, 1202. She died in July, 1199.

REGINALD DE WARREN (No. 29) and wife ADELA had:

(34) William, m. Isabel, a daughter of Sir William de Hayden, Knight.

WILLIAM WARREN (No. 34) and wife ISABEL had:

(35) Sir John Warren, m. Alice, a daughter of Roger de Townsend, Esq.

Sir JOHN WARREN (No. 35) and wife ALICE had:

(36) John, m. Joan, a daughter of Sir Hugh de Port, Knight.

JOHN WARREN (No. 36) and wife JOAN had:

(37) Sir Edward Warren, m. Maud, a daughter of Richard de Skeyton.

Sir EDWARD WARREN (No. 37) and MAUD his wife had:

(38) Ralph, who died without issue.

(39) Sir William Warren, died without issue.

(40) Sir Edward Warren, m. Cicely, a daughter of Nicholas de Eaton, Knight.

(41) John, died without issue.

Sir EDWARD WARREN (No. 40) and CICELY his wife had:

(42) Sir John Warren, m. Agnes, a daughter of Sir Richard de Wynnington, Knight.

(43) Margaret.

Sir JOHN WARREN (No. 42) and AGNES his wife had:

(44) Sir Lawrence Warren, Knight, m. Margery, a daughter of Hugh Bulkley, Esq., of Ware, in Shropshire.

(45) Emma.

Sir LAWRENCE WARREN (No. 44) and MARGERY his wife had:

(46) John, m. Isabel, a daughter of Sir John Stanley, Knight.

(47) Ralph.

(48) Margery.

(49) Joan.

(50) Cicely.

(51) Margaret.

(52) Elizabeth.

JOHN WARREN (No. 46) and ISABEL his wife had:

(53) Sir Lawrence Warren, m. Isabel, a daughter of Sir Robert Leigh, Knight.

(54) Elizabeth.

(55) Jane.

(56) John, m. Anne, a dau. of Lord Stafford.

(57) Richard.

(58) Henry.

(59) Joan.

Sir LAWRENCE WARREN (No. 53) and wife ISABEL had:

(60) Sir John Warren.

(61) William Warren, seated at Counton, in Nottinghamshire. He m. Anne ——; d. May 1, 1496.

WILLIAM WARREN (No. 61) and wife ANNE had:

(62) John, m. Elizabeth. He died in 1525.

(63) William. He d. in 1542.

(64) Jane.

JOHN WARREN (No. 62) and wife ELIZABETH had:

(65) Gregory.

(66) John, of Headbury, in the Parish of Ashburton, in Devonshire, England.

JOHN WARREN (No. 66) had:

(67) Christopher.

CHRISTOPHER WARREN (No. 67) had:

(68) William, m. Anne, a daughter of Thomas Mable, of Calstocke in Cornwall.

WILLIAM WARREN (No. 68) and ANNE his wife had:

(69) Christopher, m. Alice, a daughter of Thomas Webb, of Sidnam, in Devonshire, England.

CHRISTOPHER WARREN (No. 69) and wife ALICE had:

(70) Rev. Robert, m. Margaret Burges.

(71) John. He came to America.

(72) Thomas.

(73) Richard, of Greenwich, in Kent County, England, merchant, m. Elizabeth Juatt.* She was the widow of —— Marsh. Richard died at Plymouth (then in Plymouth Colony, now in the State of Mass.) in 1628. She died at Plymouth in 1673, aged 90 years. They were among the pilgrim band embarked on board the Mayflower in 1620.

(74) Christopher, m. Sarah, a daughter of Nicholas Opie, Esq., of Plymouth, England.

(75) William a London merchant, m. Mary, a daughter of William Cuttney.

(76) Ann, m. John Richards.

Rev. ROBERT WARREN (No. 70) and wife MARGARET BURGES had:

(77) Christopher.

* Perhaps the same name now called Jewett.

(78) Peter.
(79) Margaret.

Richard Warren (No. 73) and wife Elizabeth Juatt Marsh had:

(80) Nathaniel, m. Sarah Walker. He d. in 1667. She d. in 1700.

(81) Joseph, m. Priscilla Faunce. He d. in 1689.

(82) Mary, m. 1628, Robert Bartlett, of Plymouth. He d. in 1676, aged 73 years. He came to America in the ship Ann, in 1623. Emigrant ancestors of the writer.

(83) Ann, m. April 19, 1633, Thomas Little, of Marshfield.

(84) Sarah, m. March 28, 1634, John Cooke, of Plymouth.

(85) Elizabeth, m. Sergeant Richard Church. He was a volunteer soldier in the Plymouth Colony forces sent to fight the Pequot Indians in 1637, and held the office of Sergeant. He was by trade a carpenter. Their son Benjamin Church, born in 1639, was the celebrated warrior and renowned Indian hunter who destroyed King Philip and captured his successor, the chieftain Annawon. A great-grandson of Serg. Richard Church was born at Little Compton and christened Thomas. This Thomas Church was appointed Colonel of one of the patriot regiments of Rhode Island in 1775, and was a member of the State Senate.

(86) Abigail, m. Anthony Snow.

Nathaniel Warren (No. 80) and wife Sarah Walker had:

(87) Richard.
(88) Jabez.
(89) Sarah, m. —— Blackwell.
(90) Hope.
(91) Jane.
(92) Elizabeth, m. —— Green.

(93) Alice, m. Thomas Gibbs.

(94) Mercy, m. Jonathan Delano.

(95) Mary.

(96) Nathaniel, m. Phebe Murdock. He died 1707.

(97) John.

(98) James, b. 1665; m. 1687, Sarah Doty. He died 1715. He had the title of Captain as early as 1712. Probably Captain of the militia in Plymouth.

Joseph Warren (No. 81) and wife Priscilla Faunce had:

(99) Benjamin, m. 1697, Hannah Morton.

Robert Bartlett and wife Mary Warren (No. 82) had:

(100) Benjamin, m. 1656, Sarah Brewster, of Duxbury. He was a Selectman of Duxbury eleven years; Representative to General Court one year. He died in 1691. Real estate valued at £140; personal property, £250.

(101) Joseph, b. 1638.

(102) Rebecca, m. Dec. 20, 1649, Sergeant William Harlow, of Plymouth. She died, and for a second wife he married Mary Faunce. She died, and he married, Jan. 25, 1665, Mary Shelley, a daughter of Robert Shelley.

(103) Mary, m. Sept. 10, 1651, Richard Foster. He died, and she married July 8, 1659, Jonathan Morey.

(104) Sarah, m. Dec. 23, 1656, Samuel Rider, of Yarmouth.

(105) Elizabeth, m. Dec. 20, 1661, Anthony Sprague, of Hingham. He died in 1709. He was born in 1635.

(106) Mercy, m. 1668, John Ivey, of Boston.

(107) Lydia, b. June 8, 1647; m. James Barnaby, of Plymouth. He died, and she married, second, John Nelson, of Middleboro.' Barnaby died in or before 1677.

The writer of this genealogy and compiler of this family history is a lineal descendant of James Barnaby and his wife Lydia Bartlett (No. 107), through their son James Barnaby,

Jr., and wife Joanna Harlow, grandson Capt. Ambrose Barnaby and wife Elizabeth Gardiner, great-granddaughter Joanna Barnaby and her husband Capt. Benjamin Weaver, great-great-grandson Col. Benjamin Weaver and wife Amy Brownell, great-great-great-granddaughter Joanna Weaver and her husband Ebenezer Peirce, Esq. From Richard Warren of the Mayflower to himself is therefore nine generations.

Thomas Little and wife Ann Warren (No. 83) had:

(108) Ephraim, b. May 17, 1633; m. 1672, Mary Sturtevant.

(109) Hannah, m. Jan. 15, 1662, Stephen Tilden, of Marshfield.

(110) Mercy, m. 1666, John Sawyer.

John Cooke and wife Sarah Warren (No. 84) had:

(111) Esther, b. Aug. 16, 1650.

(112) Mercy, b. July 25, 1654.

(113) Mary, b. 1657.

Sergeant Richard Church and wife Elizabeth Warren (No. 85) had:

(114) Joseph.

(115) Benjamin, b. 1639; m. —— Southworth. He was killed by a fall from a horse, Jan. 17, 1718. He was b. at Plymouth, and died at Little Compton; was the noted hero of King Philip's war; commanded an expedition against the eastern Indians on the Kennebec River in 1689, and four other like expeditions at subsequent dates against the Indians on the Kennebec, Penobscot and Passmaquoddy Rivers. His wife was a daughter of Gen. Constant Southworth.

(116) Richard, died young.

(117) Caleb.

(118) Nathaniel.
(119) Hannah.
(120) Abigail, m. Dec. 19, 1666, Samuel Thaxter. She died Dec. 25, 1677.
(121) Charles. He was killed by accident, Oct. 20, 1659.
(122) Deborah, b. Jan. 27, 1657; m. John Irish.

Anthony Snow and wife Abigail Warren (No. 86) had:

(123) Josiah.
(124) Lydia.
(125) Sarah.
(126) Alice.
(127) Abigail, m. Dec. 12, 1667, Michael Ford.

Capt. James Warren (No. 98) and wife Sarah Doty had:

(128) John.
(129) Edward.
(130) Sarah, m. twice: first, Charles Little; second, Nov. 21, 1728, Rev. Nicholas Seaver. He graduated at Harvard College in 1701. Was a tutor there from 1716 to 1728.
(131) Alice, m. Peleg Ford.
(132) Patience, m. Rev. Joseph Stacy.
(133) James, b. 1700; m. 1724, Penelope Winslow. He was High Sheriff of Plymouth Co. He died 1757, and was succeeded in his office of High Sheriff by his son, Gen. James Warren. James (No. 133) bore the title of Colonel, and had held the commission either of Colonel or Lieut.-Colonel of the 1st Regiment in the local militia of Plymouth County.
(134) Hope, m. Nathaniel Thomas.
(135) Mercy.
(136) Mary.
(137) Elizabeth.

James Warren (No. 133) and wife Penelope Winslow had:

(138) James, b. Sept. 28, 1726; graduated at Harvard College in 1745; m. 1754, Mercy,* a daughter of Col. James Otis, of Barnstable. She was born Sept. 25, 1728; a sister of the patriot and orator, James Otis. She was author of the poetical satire in form of a drama, called the "Group;" the "Adulator;" two tragedies, in five acts each, called the "Sack of Rome" and the "Ladies of the Castile." These were written during the war of the American Revolution, and published in 1778. Her poems, dramatic and miscellaneous, were published in 1790; her history of the Revolutionary War, in three volumes, in 1805. She died Oct. 19, 1814.

James Warren (No .138) was for many years a merchant; was High Sheriff of Plymouth Co. from 1757 to the commencement of the War of the Revolution. In 1766, being a member of the General Court, he distinguished himself in maintaining the rights of the colonies against the encroachments of the mother country and arbitrary power of England; succeeded Gen. Joseph Warren as President of the Provincial Congress; Paymaster General of the patriot army in 1775, and subsequently Major-General of the local militia, and Speaker of the Mass. House of Representatives. He died Nov. 27, 1808. [See Drake's Amer. Dict.]

(139) Ann.

(140) Sarah, m. Hon. William Seaver. He was born Oct. 12, 1729, and a son of Rev. Nicholas Seaver and wife Sarah Warren (No. 130). Hon. William Seaver was a member of the Provincial Congress, and also a Representative to the General Court, and a State Senator. He died June 15, 1809.

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* Her brother Joseph Otis was the first who held the commission of Brig.-General of the militia of Barnstable County. Was appointed early in the war of the Revolution. Joseph Cushing, of Hanover, was Brig.-General of Plymouth County militia, and George Godfrey, of Taunton, Brig.-General of the militia of Bristol County. Nathaniel Goodwin, of Plymouth, succeeded Cushing as Brigadier; James Williams, of Taunton, succeeded Godfrey, and Nathaniel Freeman, of Sandwich, was the successor of Joseph Otis.

In what has already been presented concerning the Warren family, the observing reader will have noticed that the genealogy is traced back to Richard Duke of Normandy and Walter de St. Martin and their wives, who were sisters and christened Gunnora and Herfastus, being daughters of a Danish Knight, name not given. This information was mainly derived from a published work giving an account of his own researches by Dr. John C. Warren, of Boston.

From another source equally reliable I am enabled to trace the genealogy of Richard Duke of Normandy further back, viz., to his grandfather Rollo, a Dane.

King Charles conferred on Rollo, one of the most celebrated Norman leaders, the Duchy since called Normandy.

Rollo was a Dane, and married Poppa, a daughter of Berengarius, Count of Bayeux. Rollo died in 931.

Duke Rollo and wife Poppa had:

(2) William Duke of Normandy. He m. Adela, a daughter of Hubert Count of Senlis. William was treacherously slain in the year 948.

(3) Robert Count of Corbeil.

William Duke of Normandy (No. 2) and wife Adela had:

(4) Richard Duke of Normandy. He m. Gunnora, dau. of a Danish Knight, No. 2 in the Warren genealogy. He died in the year 960.

Robert Count of Corbeil (No. 3) had:

(5) Hamon Dentatus, sixth Count of Corbeil.

Richard Duke of Normandy (No. 4) and wife Gunnora had:

(6) Richard Duke of Normandy, surnamed "the Good;" m. three times: first, Judith, daughter of Duke of Brittany, and had sons Richard and Robert.

THE WEAVER FAMILY.

Although taking for these pages the title of "Weaver Family," our readers will scarcely need to be advised that in this brief work the writer does not pretend to notice all of that name who have lived in this and other countries, or to speak of all those who "still live" in our own land; for to do either would be a greater labor than he feels called upon to do, an undertaking requiring more time than he can devote to the subject, and involving an expense he is not able to bear.

In a country like the United States of America, and particularly New England, where so nearly the whole of the native inhabitants can read, write and spell, and where so large a majority of the men and such a multitude of the women seem honestly to believe themselves especially designed by nature and eminently qualified by education to fill a seat in either branch of our Congress, and would treat as no joke a proposition to place any one of them, either male or female, in the presidential chair, it seems impossible to believe that any of the old families, representing the early comers to America, should lack a historian well versed in all the facts pertaining to the people of his name, and qualified to teach them to the children of present generations, to write legends upon the door-posts of their dwellings, and portray family events upon the gates of their habitations.

In a land, too, where for nearly one hundred consecutive years "all men" have been "born equal," or where pulpit and press, priests and politicians have united their efforts to

prove that they were, no family can justly excuse itself on the ground that its history is of too little consequence to remember, to repeat, or would not repay the effort to transmit to generations yet unborn.

And yet as a matter of fact, how few, comparatively very few, of those families which have had in America "a local habitation and a name" from one to two hundred years and some even more, have a written and published history! It is safe to say that scores have not, to every one that has.

And when we learn, as statistical facts serve most conclusively to show, that those of Yankee origin who die every year considerably outnumber those of the same race that are born, we are forced to conclude that nothing but time, and not a long time either, is required to annihilate the race, and that the day is not far distant when "sons and daughters of the Pilgrims" who of their "noble birth" were "proud," shall exist only in the story of the past, having in the persons of posterity "no part in all that's done beneath the circuit of the sun;" and, in this view, sad and mournful duty to the past and also to the present seems to command — "Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, and What thou seest write in a book."

Considerations like these led the writer, with great labor, prolonged toil, and the research of years, to compile, and prompted him with a considerable personal sacrifice to publish the history of his own family and name from the date when its emigrant ancestor arrived in America until the present, a period of two hundred and fifty years, noticing more than two thousand persons, the lineal descendants of that emigrant ancestor; and this done, would gladly have concluded that his whole duty in such a direction had been accomplished.

But with the satisfaction realized in reflecting upon what I had done, a reward common to all who sacrifice personal ease and individual comfort for a public good, was mingled

a deep regret that in the family from which my mother was lineally descended, and to which she genealogically belonged, no one seemed to evince an interest that made it reasonable to suppose its history would ever be written, and that she to whom I was so greatly indebted for her numberless acts of self-sacrificing love and kindness owed and was to continue to owe all the enduring record of her virtues to incidental notices in the history I had written of the Peirce Family, to which she was not akin by blood, and with which her only alliance was that of marriage.

Gladly for her dear sake would I have assumed a large part of the labor and expense of compiling and publishing a history of the Weaver family entire, but was unable to find any of that name to share with me in the burthen of such an undertaking, and hence, as a compromise between my inclination and ability, my desire and my duty, I have decided to present in book form a detailed account of the Weavers, commencing with her great-grandfather, Benjamin Weaver, of Freetown, and subsequently of Swansea, and tracing that branch lineally down to the present time, and also noticing briefly those with whom they have been allied in marriage.

There was a Clement Weaver who was made a freeman at Portsmouth, R. I., in 1655. He was a Sergeant in 1671, and Captain in 1687; represented E. Greenwich in the General Court in 1678, '83, '87, '90, and 1705. Clement Weaver, Jr., was made a freeman at Portsmouth, 1655; and Clement Weaver, 3d, a freeman at Newport in 1675. A Lieut. Thomas Weaver represented Newport in the Colonial Assembly in 1710 and 1715; a Mr. Thomas Weaver in 1721 and 1723. What relation these bore to the branch hereinafter described, I do not know.

BENJAMIN WEAVER,

Of Freetown and afterwards of Swansea, the father of that part of the Weaver family it is herein proposed historically and genealogically to consider, was married at Tiverton, April 11, 1723. The records of Tiverton state that Benjamin Weaver and Ruth Sheffield, there and then made husband and wife, were both of Freetown. Of Benjamin Weaver, his birth-place or residence, or indeed any fact pertaining to his genealogy or history before the date of his marriage, I have as yet failed to learn.

Ten years later we are informed by the county records at Taunton, that Benjamin Weaver, then of Swansea, and also a mariner, for the sum of three hundred pounds bought of Stephen Bowen, a shipwright, twelve acres of land bounded on Taunton River and a cove, and to run to a rock by the grist-mill dam. This purchase was further described as being in "Showamet Purchase;" and March 1, 1733, the date of the deed. Showamet Purchase was that part of Swansea set off and incorporated as a new and distinct town, Feb. 20, 1790, and called Somerset.

Jan. 17, 1745, "Benjamin Weaver, mariner," for eleven hundred and sixteen pounds and six shillings current money, purchased of Benjamin Kinsley, of Swansea, fifty-two and a half acres of land in Showamet Purchase, with a barn and grist-mill thereon.

Dec. 13, 1756, Benjamin Weaver, for fifty-six pounds added to his landed possessions in Swansea, fourteen acres he at that date bought of Samuel Slade, and which, with the two lots of land before enumerated, made Benjamin Weaver, mariner (or farmer as he perhaps had now become) a farm of seventy-eight and one-half acres of land in Swansea (now Somerset), and besides which he also had quite a tract in Freetown, that in the town last named having been a part of the inheritance of Ruth his wife.

Upon his farm in Swansea (now Somerset) Benjamin Weaver continued to live until his death, that occurred in or about February, 1775, a period of some forty years.

The following is a true copy of his will:

In the name of God Amen. I Benjamin Weaver of Swanſey in the County of Bristol in the Province of the Maſsachusett Bay, Yeoman Being weak of body but of a Sound Diſposing mind and Memory thanks be given to Allmighty God. Calling unto mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, That is to ſay, Principally and first of all I give and recommend my Soul into the hand of Allmighty God that gave it and my Body I reccomend to the Earth to be buried in decent christian burial at the diſcretion of my Executors. And as touching ſuch worldly eſtate wherewith it hath pleaſed God to bleſs me with in this life I give deviſe and diſpoſe of the ſame in the following manner and form, viz.

Imprimus. My will is that all my just debts and funeral charges be paid and diſcharged by my Executrix and Executor hereafter named.

Item. I give and bequeath to Ruth my well beloved wife the income and improvement of all my homeſtead farm, with all the buildings thereon during her widowhood but no longer.

I alſo give to Ruth my well beloved wife the improvement of all my farming tackling and tools during her widowhood and no longer.

Item. I give and bequeath to Ruth my beloved wife at her own disposal all my living stock of what denomination ſoever and all my indoor moveables except what I shall otherwiſe diſpoſe of in this my laſt will.

I alſo give to Ruth my wife what firewood she shall have occasion for her own uſe and what fencing stuff she shall have occasion for the making and keeping in repair the fence on this my homestead farm, both of which to be taken from and off my land lying in Freetown for and during her widowhood as above ſaid. I give unto my beloved wife my side-ſaddle, bridle, pillion and all my provision and provender that I shall have by me at my deceaſe all the gifts and bequests herein given to Ruth my beloved wife is in lieu of her thirds or dowry.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my grandſon Benjamin Weaver ſon of my ſon Benjamin Weaver late deceaſed and to his heirs the ſum of six pounds lawful money to be paid to him eaqually by my two ſons namely Samuel and Parker Weaver two years after my wifes deceaſe.

Item. I give and deviſe unto my two ſons, namely Samuel and Parker Weaver and their heirs and assigns forever all my land lying

in Freetown, to be eaqually divided between them for quantity and not having reſpect to quality, my ſon Samuel to have the Southerly half part and my ſon Parker the Northerly half part they allowing my wife to take wood and fencing ſtuff from and off ſaid land as above expreſsed.

Item. I give and deviſe unto my ſon Samuel Weaver in addition to five hundred dollars I have heretofore given and paid for him Viz. The Northerly part of my homestead farm bounded as follows. Beginning at a tree by a highway where on the gate now hangs from thence Easterly in range of the stone wall as it now stands untill it comes to the ſouth corner of my rye field and from ſaid corner on a straight line to the south west corner of the meadow adjoining to Peter Weavers land and from ſaid corner in range of the wall as it now stands easterly to the brook and from the south east corner of ſaid meadow on a straight line to Taunton great river and to be as wide at ſaid river as at the aforeſaid brook, the ſaid piece of land to remain to him my ſaid ſon Samuel to him his heirs and aſsigns forever he paying and performing his aſsigned legacys and will alſo acquit and diſcharge my Executors from any claim or demand against my estate by virtue of any book debts whatſoever he has against me. My ſaid ſon to come into poſſeſsion of the aboveſaid piece of land when my wife has done with it as before expreſsed.

I alſo give unto my ſon Samuel my gun, ſword and ſaddle.

Item. I give and deviſe unto my ſon Parker to his heirs and aſsigns forever all the rest and residue of my home-stead farm with all the buildings standing thereon, bounded Northerly on land I have before given unto my ſon Samuel, Westerly by a highway southerly by land of Jeams Luther, Easterly on the river and to come into poſſeſsion of the ſame when my wife has done with it.

I give alſo to my ſon Parker my wearing apparrel.

Item. I give unto my ſaid Grandſon Benjamin my silver shoe buckles.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Anna Evans and to her heirs in addition to what I have allready given her the ſum of five pounds lawfull money to be paid to her by my wife one year after my deceaſe.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Ruth Potter and to her heirs in addition to what I have allready given her the ſum of five pounds lawfull money to be paid to her by my wife within two years after my deceaſe.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Eunice Read and to her heirs in addition to what I have allready given her the ſum of five

pounds lawfull money to be paid to her by my loving wife in three years after my deceafe.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Look and unto her heirs in addition to what I have allready given her the fum of five pounds lawfull money to be paid to her by my wife four years after my deceafe.

Item. My will is that my Executrix and Executor hereafter named shall fell that piece of land I bought of Samuel Slade and with the money arrising thereby to pay my just debts and charges.

Finally. All the rest and residue of my estate not before given away in this my last Will and Testament I give unto my beloved wife Ruth Weaver the better to enable her to pay my just debts and legacys whom I make constitute ordain and appoint with my loving fon in law Jonathan Reed my whole and sole Executrix and Executor to this my last Will and Testament Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament.

In testimony whereof I the faid Benjamin Weaver have hereunto fet my hand and fixed my feal this nineteenth day of November A. D. 1774.

BENJAMIN WEAVER. { Seal. }

Signed Sealed Published Proclaimed and Declared by the s[d] Benjamin Weaver to be his last will and testament in prefence of us the fubscribers

Joshua Alger,
Clark Rightenton,
David Peirce.

An inventory of the goods and estate of Benjamin Weaver was taken Feb. 25, 1775, by Russell Mason, John Mason and David Peirce, and amounted to the sum of 1297 pounds, 12 shillings and 10 pence, and record of the same was made on pages 490, 491 and 492 of the 23d book in the Registry of Probate at Taunton.

The death of Benjamin Weaver must therefore have occurred sometime between the 19th of Nov. 1774, and the 25th of Feb. 1775, and probably in February.

The foregoing account, meagre as it is in facts, is all that the writer has been able to collect concerning his mother's great-grandfather. From the date of his marriage, that is

fixed by an official and reliable record, together with that of his death that can be very nearly determined, we are led to conclude that Benjamin Weaver, "mariner," and subsequently "husbandman," was born about or near the year of grace 1700, married soon after attaining to his majority, ceased ploughing the ocean when about forty-five years of age, having buffeted the waves and braved the storms until attaining to a competency sufficient to enable him to settle down comfortably on the land, and thenceforth his furrows were those made by the plow in the rich soil of that part of ancient Swansea now called Egypt,* in Somerset, and those that time imprinted on his manly brow.

The writer is of the opinion that Benjamin Weaver was of the Rhode Island family to which Clement Weaver, of Portsmouth, and Clement, of East Greenwich, and others at Newport belonged, but confesses that he has not the evidence to prove facts concerning him further and more remote or ancient than those already herein enumerated. Should this imperfect sketch come under the eye of any one who has the means of determining the name of the father of Benjamin Weaver and others, his early ancestors, the writer would be very glad to be apprized of it, and also to avail himself of the knowledge.

RUTH SHEFFIELD,

The third daughter and fourth child of Capt. Amos Sheffield, of Tiverton (then in Massachusetts, now in Rhode Island), and the youngest or last by his first wife Anna Pearce, was born in Tiverton "January ye 10, on the second day of the week in the year 1704, about one a clock in the

* Tradition informs that this name was given to that locality on account of the richness of the soil. John D. Cartwright, Esq., resides near, if not upon the land formerly constituting Benjamin Weaver's homestead farm. Some graves, not far from Mr. Cartwright's house, are thought to be those of Benjamin Weaver and his wife Ruth.

afternoon," and is the Ruth Sheffield, of Freetown, who was married to Benjamin Weaver, also of Freetown, April 11, 1723, the marriage ceremony being performed in her native town, and upon the public records of which the facts of birth and marriage were duly entered and still stand recorded.

Anna Pearce, the first wife of Capt. Amos Sheffield, departed this life Nov. 27, 1706, aged 32 years, 9 months and 13 days, and thus was the daughter Ruth left motherless when less than three years old.

Captain Sheffield, Dec. 22, 1708, took to himself another wife in the person of Sarah ——,* of Little Compton, the fruit of this second marriage being a son born Dec. 8, 1709, and christened Aaron.

Capt. Sheffield did not live long after his second marriage, his death occurring in or near 1710, and he being about thirty-seven years of age.

Thus it will be seen that Ruth Sheffield, the subject of this sketch, who, as already remarked, was motherless before completing her third year, was, by the death of her father, left an orphan, without father or mother, at the tender age of six years.

There are three events in the lives of most persons, and at least two in the lives of all, when they become the particular subject of notice and conversation, viz., at birth, marriage and death to most, at birth and death to all.

Of Ruth Sheffield the oldest records of the ancient town of Tiverton make mention touching her birth and marriage; and besides which the little that we have been enabled to gather concerning her has been derived from the county records at Taunton, wherein she is mentioned in the copy of her father's will, and in the settlement of his estate; and at a much later period, when she had completed three score

* Col. Benjamin Church, the Indian hunter, then a Justice of the Peace, performed the official act of uniting them in marriage, but her surname is not given.

years and ten, she is, in the last will and testament of her husband Benjamin Weaver, repeatedly called his "well-beloved wife Ruth," and the truth of his assertion of love attested by the liberal provision made for her in that instrument, and of his continued esteem and still unshaken confidence in the wife of his youth, the participant of his early joys, the companion of his prolonged life and numerous years, his still faithful and sympathizing friend, by naming her as executrix-to his will.

Considering the fact that it is comparatively so little we have been able from records to gather concerning her, and from tradition nothing at all, well may her numerous descendants feel gratified that so much truly praiseworthy and commendable is in that little thus plainly made to appear, and that we are therein led to discover and to see such similarity of character and disposition with that most distinguishing trait of her illustrious namesake, the ancient and honorable woman of Moab, who concerning the family and people of her husband said: "Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee, for whither thou goest I will go, and where thou lodgest I will lodge; thy people shall be my people and thy God my God." "Where thou diest will I die, and there will I be buried; the Lord do so to me and more also if aught but death part thee and me."

In Ruth Sheffield did Benjaman Weaver "find a virtuous woman," a blessing far above the price of rubies, and one in whom his heart did safely trust, and who ever sought to "do him good and not evil all the days of her life."

To and in his last acts and words did her husband praise her, and even till now, almost a hundred years after that she is dead and buried, her children's children's children to the third and fourth generations "arise up and call her blessed;" for in the language of the proverb, "Strength and honor are her clothing, and she shall rejoice in time to come." Yes, she does rejoice the hearts of her descendants even now.

Her father, Capt. Amos Sheffield, was the fourth son, the fifth and youngest child of Ichabod Sheffield and wife Mary Parker.

Capt. Amos Sheffield was born June 25, 1673, and united in marriage, March 5, 1696, with Anna, a daughter of Ensign John Pearce, of Tiverton. She died after bearing him four children, viz., one son and three daughters. She was born Feb. 14, 1674, and died Nov. 27, 1706.

The children of Capt. Amos Sheffield and wife Anna Pearce were,

Susannah, b. Oct. 11, 1697.

John, b. Jan. 8, 1699.

Mary, b. April 2, 1701.

Ruth, b. Jan. 10, 1704; m. April 11, 1723, Benjamin Weaver, of Freetown and subsequently of Swansea.

Capt. Amos Sheffield is thought to have been a grandson of Joseph Sheffield, whose name appears as moderator of the Portsmouth town meeting, held March 13, 1643. But be that as it may, Capt. Amos Sheffield, as still appears upon the ancient record, was a son of Ichabod Sheffield.

Capt. Amos Sheffield was quite a useful man at Tiverton, where for several years he resided, and where probably it was that he died. By some it has been asserted that he was the first who held the office of town clerk of Tiverton, but that we doubt. He was, however, for several years clerk of that town, and chosen repeatedly to represent the same in the General Court; was a Selectman in 1705 and 1707; Assessor in 1703 and 1709, and Treasurer in 1709; often drawn as a Juryman. Doubtless he held office in the town for some years not herein mentioned; but the dilapidated condition of the Tiverton record does not allow us to state positively when he was in office, save as above noticed. His death probably occurred in February or March, 1710, as upon the first day of April in that year an inventory was

taken of his effects, and on the 9th of June, 1710, his will was exhibited at and proved in the Probate Court of Bristol County.

Benjamin Weaver (No. 1) and wife Ruth Sheffield had:

(2) Benjamin, b. 172–; became a master mariner; m. Nov. 4, 1753,* Joanna, a daughter of Capt. Ambrose Barnaby,† and wife Elizabeth Gardiner,‡ granddaughter of Jas.

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* Nov. 4, 1753, was Sunday, and the marriage ceremony was performed in the evening by Rev. Silas Brett, pastor of the first Congregational Church in Freetown, and a minute account of the event entered by the bridegroom in his log-book now in possession of the writer.

† Capt. Ambrose Barnaby was elected Town Clerk of Freetown, March 4, 1745, and served in that office ten years. [Freetown Records.] Selectman of Freetown March 18, 1754, and served four years. [Freetown Records.] Assessor, March 18, 1754, and served three years; moderator of annual town meeting in 1756 and 1759; Constable in 1741; Surveyor of Highways in 1740; Grand-juryman in 1736, '47 and '59. He was born in Plymouth, 1706, and died in Freetown, April 18, 1775. His will bore date of Feb. 18, 1774. He owned the whole of the 15th lot in Freetown, and also an extensive tract in what was then Freetown, but now Fall River, viz., in the 12th lot; provided for the emancipation of his slave Fortune, who was to have a suit of new clothes and a life-lease of fifteen acres of land.

‡ Elizabeth Gardiner was a daughter of Samuel Gardiner, of Swansea, and wife Hannah, and born in that town Nov. 11, 1708, about eleven of the clock in the forenoon. Died in Freetown, Jan. 28, 1788. She was a granddaughter of Lieut. Samuel Gardiner, of Newport, Freetown and Swansea, who purchased a farm or half the fifth lot in what was then Freetown, but now Fall River, Oct. 31, 1687, for 250 pounds silver money; sold that tract, estimated at four hundred acres, with dwelling and outhouses thereon, and also a piece of salt meadow at Sippecan to Geo. Lawton, of Portsmouth, R. I., for 270 pounds, Nov. 14, 1693, being the date of the deed.

Lieut. Samuel Gardiner is the first whose name appears as Town Clerk of Freetown, and he performed the duties of that office admirably for that time, and for the term of four years.. [Freetown Records.] He was also the first Town Treasurer, so far as can now be learned, and twice elected to represent the town of Freetown in the General Court, viz., May 12, 1690, and in 1692. [Freetown Records.]

Lieut. Samuel Gardiner was chosen a Selectman of Freetown, in 1688; re-elected May 12, 1690, and July 13, 1692; Assessor, June 24, 1690, and Feb. 17, 1691. Also chosen on the town's board of war, June 24, 1690. Each town then elected a town council of war consisting of three persons, but the ability of Lieut. Samuel Gardiner shone forth so conspicuously that he was by colonial authority promoted to be council of war for the whole of Bristol County, and as such undoubtedly exercised a controlling influence over all the town councils within that county.

Lieut. Samuel Gardiner and Ralph Chapman, under date of Dec. 30, 1693, and in consideration of seventeen hundred pounds current money, bought of Ebenezer Brenton the tract of land in Swansea then called Metapoiset, now known as Gardiner's Neck. Lieut. Samuel Gardiner was once chosen to represent the town of

Barnaby, of Plymouth, and wife Lydia Bartlett. Benjamin Weaver, Jr., was drowned in or about 1756. Joanna m. 1758, Col. Sylvester Childs, of Warren, R. I. She died May 18, 1773. [Family Record and Town Records of Freetown.]

(3) Samuel, m. Jan. 9, 1761, Wait Reed, of Freetown. She was b. Dec. 6, 1739, and was daughter of Oliver Reed and wife Martha Durfee, granddaughter of John Reed, Jr., and wife Mary Pearce, great-granddaughter of John Reed and wife Hannah ——. [Freetown Records.]

(4) Parker, m. Mary ——. Sold out and removed to Leicester, Mass.

(5) Anna, m. Nov. 29, 1745, David Evans, Jr., of Freetown. He was b. Nov. 17, 1719, son of David Evans and wife Sarah Bailey. Sarah died Saturday, Sept. 15, 1750, and was buried Monday, Sept. 17, 1750; member of the Congregational Church in Dighton. John Bailey, her father, was one of the first board of Selectmen at Freetown, elected June 2, 1685. John Bailey died June 22, 1686. [Church and Town Records.]

(6) Ruth, m. March 8, 1752, Stoughton Potter, of Dartmouth. [Swansea Records.]

(7) Eunice, m. Lieut. Jonathan Reed, of Freetown. He was b. Nov. 13, 1737. He was a son of Oliver Reed and wife Martha Durfee, and grandson of John Reed, Jr., and wife Mary Pearce a daughter of Ensign John Pearce, of

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Swansea in the General Court, and upon the board of Selectmen elected March 25, 1696. [Registry of Deeds and Swansea Records.]

Lieut. Samuel Gardiner died Dec. 8, 1696. His inventory was rendered to the Probate Court, Feb. 17, 1697, and amounted to ten hundred and forty-six pounds five shillings. [Probate Records.]

His son Samuel Gardiner (father to Mrs. Elizabeth Barnaby) was Constable of Swansea in 1707; Petit Juryman in 1714; Town Clerk and also one of the trustees to receive Swansea's part of the government loan in 1721; Assessor in 1722, '23, '24 and '25; Selectman in 1726, and Grand-Juryman in 1729. Mrs. Barnaby's brother Peleg Gardiner served in the French and Indian war. He was made Capt.-Lieut. of militia in 1762; Lieut.-Colonel in 1770. Died Aug. 10, 1789, in his 71st year. Death caused by a cancer.

Tiverton. Lieut. Jonathan Reed was elected March 2, 1772, Treasurer of Freetown, and served ten years; chosen Selectman March 7, 1774, and served twelve years; Auditor in 1771, and served five years; Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety in 1776, and served three years; chosen Assessor in 1794; commissioned Coroner for Bristol County, March 17, 1781. [State and Town Records.]

(8) Elizabeth, m. —— Look. [Record of her father's will.]

BENJAMIN WEAVER (No. 2),

Oldest son of Benjamin Weaver (No. 1) and wife Ruth Sheffield, was born 172–, and at an early age probably entered upon the youthful occupation of his father, viz., that of a mariner, and making such proficiency therein as to cause his promotion to captain, or as more properly expressed, *master*, very soon after attaining to his majority.

As master of a sea-going craft engaged in trade between Newport and North Carolina, and also between some other New-England ports and the Windward Islands, we find him employed as early as 1752, or one hundred and twenty-two years ago. His Journal and Log-Book (still in possession of the writer), under date Dec. 11, 1752, sets forth as follows:

"A Journal of a voyage intended by God's permiſsion from Rhode island to Charlestown In South Caroliner in ye Sloop Lydia. Kept by me Benja. Weaver.

December ye 11th 1752 being munday at about 7. a clock in ye morning, Came to Sail at Conanicut ferry With ye Wind at N. W. and at M. Block islan bore N. Distance 2. Leagues, Wherein I take my Departure for Charlestown."

They arrived at Charleston, as appears from the Journal, Jan. 7, 1753, for under that date he entered in the log:

"This 24 Hours past variable Wind."

"Last Night Lay off in 9. or 10 fathoms of Water till 2. P. M. Stood in whilst 6 P. M. saw Land it was about 5 Leagues to ye Northward of the bar. We stood in to ye West ward and South ward with a ſmall breeze, at M. ſaw a pilot-boat coming off. This evening got up to Town."

The sloop Lydia left Charleston, S. C., Jan. 30, 1753, and proceeded to Edenton, April 7, 1753; was again ready to sail April 10, 1753; about 8 o'clock in the morning passed over Ocracoke Bar, and parted with pilots "Williams and Baker and a Mulatto fellow," and shaped their course for Charleston, where they appear to have arrived on or near the 17th of that month. Here they remained until the 13th of May, when he recorded:

"Charlestown May ye 13th 1753 being Sunday this morning Early We Came to Sail bound for Rhode island pleaſe God and one of our hands staid to help bring out the pilot-boat but as ſoon as we got over the bar the wind blew ſo hard at E. N. E. that the pilot boat could not get out and we were obliged to go into Rebellion Road again and lay all night."

"1753 may ye 14th being munday about an hour before the ſun ſet we came to ſail and went over Charles Town bar and at night the bar bore west Distance about 6 Leages."

The next voyage in the sloop Lydia was from Taylor's Wharf, and commenced about 8 A. M., Sept. 20, 1753, and their return from Charleston, S. C., began Oct. 14, 1753, and arrived home on or about the 23d of that month. This is the last we hear about Benjamin Weaver's connection with the sloop Lydia.

Some twelve days later, in this his Journal of the seas, Benjamin Weaver made the following important entry in the voyage of his life:

"November ye 4th 1753
Being Sunday this Evening
Benja Weaver Junr & Juanna Bernebe
Weair Marid By the Revd
Mr. Silos Britt."

A single day seems to have been all that was allowed for festivity, and hence it is evident that they took no wedding tour; for upon the 6th of the same month he entered in his Journal:

"November ye 6th 1753 then Benja Weaver Junr Came from Hom To go on bord ye Schooner Mary an To Rigg and to fitt Her for the Seea for a voyage Intended By Gods permiſsion for North Carolina and from thence for the windward Islands and from thence Down to Evstati and Home."

Under date of Dec. 1, 1753, he wrote:

"About Sun Rise Hove up our ancor In Rhoad Island Harbour and at M. Block Island bore East one League Dist. Wheair I Take my Departure for Cape Hatteras."

Since his last voyage he appears to have been promoted from master of sloop "Lydia" to the command of schooner "Mary-Ann," and also assumed the responsibilities of a married man. On their passage out they were accompanied by the sloop Lydia, now commanded by Capt. Bowen. April 17, 1754, came over Ocracoke Bar, bound for Barbadoes, and evidently had on board live stock, as he entered in his Log-Book:

"1754 April ye 20 being Satter Day this 24. H past ſqualy Weather Sum Showers and a great Tumblin See Which makes it oncomfortabil for both ourſelves and our Stock.

"1754 April ye 21 being Sunday this 24 hours fore part Wind blew hard at S. W. a Large See. We have Lost 7 hogs sence we Tuck them on bord and 2 gees.

"April ye 22 being Munday We have Lost 2 hogs sence L. M. and one goos by the great seea.

"April ye 23d 1754. Last Night we ship a see Which broak Down our arnin the Larbord Side, we have Lost sense Last M. 3 hogs and 4 gees and one Turke."

"April 25th this 24 H. the weather has been moderate. Our stock seems Revived to what they weair We have kild 2 hogs sence L. M. that got theair bones broke and 2 Dyd Last Night.

"April ye 26. Wind at N. W. and ſmoth Warter. We have Lost one Turkey Cok sence Last M."

The next entry in his Journal shows what the cargo was that the schooner Mary Ann had under deck:

"1754 April ye 27th this day we broke up our Hol to ſee if our Corn and peas Did heat. We found our peas in good order but our Corn Did begin to heat."

Arrived at Barbadoes May 25, 1754, and on the 28th weighed anchor in Carlisle Bay, bound for Antigua. They appear to have remained among the different ports some time, trading off their live stock, fowls and produce, as he records:

"July ye 11th 1754 about 10 a clock at Night Saild from St Eustaitia In the Schooner Mary ann And by Gods permiſsion bound for Rhoad Island."

This voyage ended by their arrival home, Aug. 1, 1754, and Benjamin Weaver appears to have remained at home from Aug. 1 till Oct. 26, 1754, a period of nearly three months, when as master of the schooner Mary Ann he started on another voyage to North Carolina, and under date of Oct. 30 entered on his Log-Book:

"at 1. past Last M. we ſpoke with the sloop Lydia Joſeph weaver master from North Carolina bound for Rhoad Island Loaded with Navil Stors."

Arrived at Charleston on or about the 3d of December. His next entry is as follows:

"Okerycok March ye 8th 1755 About 7. In the Morning Caim over the baar and 19 ſail of veſsels were In Company Myſelf Joſeph Weaver & Iſaac Palmer, William Gaige Ebenezer Herinton and one Perie bound for Rhoade Island Please God and at 8 at Night Cape Hatteraſs bore W. N. W. about 2 Leagues Distance."

The last voyage made by Benjamin Weaver, and of which the writer of these memoirs has gained a particular account, commenced the latter part of May, 1755, and in his Log-Book and Journal was noticed by him thus:

"A Jornal of a voyage Intended by Gods Permiſsion in Mary an of Newport myſelf Master bound for Tenner Reef Kept by me Benja Weaver.

"Began May ye 29 1755."

Among the papers of Benjamin Weaver still preserved is a bill of lading, which shows that he and his vessel had arrived at their port of destination, and also that on the 21st of July, 1755, the good schooner Mary Ann was lying at anchor in the road of Ovaton, receiving cargo, a part at least of which was consigned to John Cross and John Woodrop, of Rhode Island. These two dates, viz., that of leaving Newport and that of receiving on board his return cargo, serve to show that Benjamin Weaver, the master mariner, was absent from home when his son and only child, the late Col. Benjamin Weaver, was born, that birth occurring June 25, 1755.

But the voyage of his life was now rapidly approaching its end, although the precise date of his death has never come to my knowledge; and it is only by circumstantial evidence still extant that we are enabled to approximate the same. Thus it seems from the bill of lading, dated July 21, 1755, that he was then alive, and his death must have occurred and a knowledge of the fact have reached his home before Aug. 30, 1756, for at that date Joanna, his widow, at a Probate Court held in Norton, received the appointment of administratrix upon his estate, and on the 22d of Sept. 1756, an inventory of his effects was taken by Edward Thurston,* Nathan Simmons and Abiel Terry, and amounted to the sum of 256 pounds and 2 shillings. For items included and making up that inventory, see pages 334, 335

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* Edward Thurston lived in what is now the northerly part of Fall River. Son of Thomas Thurston, and born in or about 1695; married Hannah Dodson, of Freetown, now Fall River. Edward died Nov. 3, 1783. Thomas died about eleven o'clock at night, March 22, 1730. Made a will March 20, 1730.

Nathan Simmons was a son of Abraham Simmons and wife Anna Lee, and born Oct. 18, 1709; married May 6, 1736, Lydia Davis, of Freetown. He died June 26, 1774. [Freetown Records.]

Abiel Terry was a son of Thomas Terry, Esq., and wife Abigail Dean, and born Dec. 3, 1714; married Hannah Tisdale, of Taunton. He was Town Clerk of Freetown 12 years, Selectman 6 years, Assessor, Justice of Peace, Coroner and Lieut.-Colonel of the second regiment of the local militia of Bristol County. His death was caused by a fall from a horse. Buried on his homestead farm.

and 336 of Book 15 in the Records of Probate Court for the County of Bristol.

Benjamin Weaver (No. 2) and wife Joanna Barnaby had:

(9) Benjamin, b. June 25, 1755; m. ——, 1783, Amy Brownell, of Portsmouth, R. I. He died April 23, 1838, aged 82 yrs. 9 mos. 8 days. She died May 20, 1804, aged 43 years, 8 months and 12 days. She was a daughter of Joseph Brownell, Jr., Esq., and wife Rebecca Tripp, and born Sept. 8, 1760, granddaughter of Joseph Brownell and wife Ruth Cornell, great-granddaughter of George Brownell and wife Susannah Pearce daughter of Richard Pearce and wife Susannah Wright, a daughter of George Wright. George Brownell was a son of Thos. Brownell and wife Ann ——. Benjamin Weaver (No. 9) was the only fruit of this marriage, as Benjamin (No. 2) was drowned soon after. Joanna afterwards became the wife of Col. Sylvester Childs, of Warren, R. I., and gave birth to children, for an account of whom see "Barnaby Genealogy," page 13 of this work.

A few years before his decease, Benj. Weaver (No. 9) contracted a second marriage with a Miss Eleanor D. Albro, of Fall River. No children by this marriage, as she was quite advanced in years. She lived and died with him, her death preceding his own by a few weeks. She was born at Portsmouth, R. I.; died in Assonet Village, Freetown, March 10, 1838, aged 55 years.

David Evans, Jr. and wife Anna Weaver (No. 5) had:

(10) Gilbert, b. Nov. 13, 1746. [Freetown Records.]

(11) Benjamin, b. Jan 9, 1749; m. May 20, 1773, Thankful Winslow, of Freetown. She was born October, 17—. He was commissioned Ensign of the first company in the local militia of Freetown, and as such performed twelve days duty in Rhode Island, in July and August, 1780.

An Assessor of Freetown for the years 1779, '83 and '84. When Ensign, Benjamin Reed was his Captain, and Philip Hathaway, Jr., Lieutenant. [Freetown Records and Rolls in Office of Secretary of State, Boston.]

(12) Mary, b. Feb. 12, 1751; m. Jan. 15, 1769, Jonathan Weaver, of Swansea. He died in 177–, and she m. Nov. 24, 1779, Gilbert Hatheway, of Freetown. He was born Feb. 6, 1746. Removed to the State of Maine, and died 182–. He was a Selectman of Freetown three years, viz., 1798, '99 and 1800. Col. David Hathaway, of Rochester, Mass., was their son, and Hon. Gilbert Hathaway, of Michigan, their grandson. [Mass. State Records and Freetown Records.]

(13) Elizabeth, b. Feb. 9, 1753; m. Henry Tisdale, of Freetown. He was b. July 22, 1751; d. July 22, 1793. He was a tory, and among those proscribed and banished in 1778. Went with his family to St. John in New Brunswick, where they resided several years, and where Elizabeth the wife died. About the close of the war he returned to Freetown and carried on his business as a blacksmith near Assonet Village, and built and occupied the house now owned by George D. Williams. Henry Tisdale for a second wife married the widow Patience Lawton. Her maiden name was Hall. She was married three times: first to a Brinley, second a Lawton, and third Henry Tisdale. She was born in Rhode Island, and familiarly known as "Granny Tisdale." [Freetown Records and Tradition.]

Stoughton Potter and wife Ruth Weaver (No. 6) had:

(14) Humphrey.
(15) Ichabod.
(16) Sybil, m. —— Winslow.
(17) Meribah, m. —— Sisson.

Lieut. Jonathan Reed and wife Eunice Weaver (No. 7) had:

(18) Forman, b. Sept. 27, 1757. [Freetown Records.]

(19) Ichabod, b. April 26, 1760; m. Elizabeth Law, of Swansea. As 1st Sergeant of the 2d company of the local militia of Freetown he served for a brief period in Rhode Island in the War of the Revolution, and was commissioned Lieut. of militia, June 8, 1789, and promoted to Captain, Oct. 22, 1793.* He died Dec. 5, 1796. He kept a country store for a time in Assonet Village, and subsequently in Steep Brook. [State and Freetown Records and Tradition.]

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* That part of Freetown set off in 1803 and made Fall River, with, perhaps, a small portion of the southerly part of what is still Freetown, used to constitute the geographical limits of the second company of local militia in Freetown. The names of commissioned officers of that company, so far as the same have come to my knowledge, were as follows:

Captains.

George Brightman from about 1755 to 1771.
Jael Hathaway from July, 1771, to Sept. 19, 1775. Dismissed by legislative act.
Thomas Durfee from July 5, 1776, to 177–. Honorably discharged.
Henry Brightman from 17— to 1781.
Joseph Read, 3d, from July 1, 1781, to 1789.
Luther Winslow from June 8, 1789, to 1793. Honorably discharged.
Ichabod Read from Oct. 22, 1793, to death, Dec. 5, 1796.
Benj. Brayton from May 2, 1797, to promotion to Major of the 2d Regiment, 2d Brigade, 5th Division, Massachusetts militia, Sept. 19, 1803.

Lieutenants.

William Winslow from 1762 to 1771.
Stephen Borden from July, 1771, to Sept. 19, 1775.
Oliver Read, Jr., from July 5, 1776, to 1781. Honorably discharged.
Benjamin Durfee from July 1, 1781, to 178–.
Ichabod Read from June 8, 1789, to Oct. 22, 1793. Promoted to Captain.
Benjamin Brayton from Oct. —, 1793, to May 2, 1797. Promoted to Captain.
Robert Miller from ——— to March 8, 1804. Promoted to Captain.

Ensigns.

Josiah Lawton from 1762 to 1771.
Ambrose Barnaby, Jr., from July, 1771, to Sept. 19, 1775.
Amos Snell from July 5, 1776, to 1781.
William Ellsbree from July 1, 1781, to 1789.
David Cleveland from June 8, 1789, to 179–.
Robert Miller from May 2, 1797, to ——.
Joseph H. Luther from Aug. 31, 1801, to 18—.

This, for several years, embraced all the militia of the then town, now city of Fall River, but, as the population increased, was divided into two companies, and

(20) James, b. June 7, 1762; d. May 16, 1776.
(21) Lydia, b. Sept. 7, 1764. [Freetown Records.]
(22) Susannah, b. July 3, 1767; m. Dec. 20, 1789, Luther Winslow, of Freetown. [Freetown Records.]
(23) Hannah, b. Aug. 1, 1769. " "
(24) Jonathan, b. Sept. 7, 1771. " "
(25) Benjamin F., b. March, 1775; d. April 21, 1776.
(26) Ruth, b. 17—; d. Oct. 1790.

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then into three, while a part of the train band went into a rifle company. At the date of abolishing the old system, April 24, 1840, the militia of Fall River consisted of three standing companies, and the Fall River Rifle Company. A company of Light Infantry existed in Fall River for a time, and at a date still later a company of foot artillery that was made to constitute a part of the 4th Regiment of Artillery in 2d Brigade, 1st Division, Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, and subsequently put into the 3d Regiment of Infantry, same brigade. The Fall River militia was for several years a part of the 2d Regiment, 2d Brigade, 5th Division, and was then represented in the list of field officers, as follows:

LIEUT.-COLONEL.

Joseph Durfee from July 1, 1781, to 1788. Honorably discharged.

MAJORS.

Joseph Durfee from June 9, 1778, to July 1, 1781. Promoted to Lieut.-Colonel.
Benjamin Brayton from Sept. 19, 1803. Honorably discharged.
Bradford Durfee from July 3, 1815. " "

In 1812, for a short time, the Fall River militia was in the 4th Regiment, 2d Brigade, 16th Division, and of which regiment was then commissioned

LIEUT.-COLONEL COMMANDANT.

Joseph E. Read from April 14, 1812, to the disbandment of regiment.

Fall River militia in 1818 made a part of the 5th Regiment, 2d Brigade, 5th Division, and the field officers from that then town, now city, were as follows:

COLONELS.

Richard Borden from March 8, 1828, to 1829. Honorably discharged.
Philip R. Bennet from July 9, 1830, to May 20, 1835. Promoted to Brigadier General of the 2d Brigade in 5th Division.
William Sisson from July 22, 1835, to April 24, 1840. Honorably discharged.

LIEUT.-COLONELS.

Richard Borden from 1823 to March 8, 1828. Promoted to Colonel.
William Sisson from 1833 to July 22, 1835. " "
William Winslow from July 22, 1835, to April 24, 1840. Honorably discharged.

MAJOR.

Isaac Borden from 1833 to April 24, 1840. Honorably discharged, the regiment then being disbanded by Act of Legislature.

COL. BENJAMIN WEAVER (No. 9),

First son and only child of Benjamin Weaver, Jr., a master mariner, and wife Joanna Barnaby, was born at the house of his mother's father, in Freetown, on Wednesday, June 25, 1755; but whether in the morning, at noon, or in the evening of that longest day in summer, we have at this time no means by which to determine. Superstitious people make a great account of the day of the week, and also of the hour in the day at which a child is ushered into this earthly state of existence, and as the Yankees in time past, and as we think even now, are like the men of Athens, quite too superstitious, so to cater to the tastes of that class of our readers we are thus particular to notice facts that to our mind are non-essential, and to that end have consulted the identical copy of an Almanac, the calculations of which for the year of grace 1755 were expressly made and provided, and was on that the first birthday of the subject of this sketch hanging upon a hook in the sitting-room of his grandfather's comparatively aristocratic mansion.

On that his natal day the sun rose at 4 o'clock and 26m. in the morning, and set at 26m. before 8 o'clock in the evening, or at least those were the precise periods that the almanac-maker fixed upon for the appearing and disappearing of that glorious luminary, added to which weather-wise predicted "a north-east storm followed with very hot weather and remarkable showers," and then turning suddenly his thoughts from water to fire, added, "The fire of contention destroys the public good."

Whether the "remarkable showers" were realized according to programme, we know not, and it is quite too late now, perhaps, to learn whether storms raged without his grandfather's dwelling, but that within a "*squall*" was encountered seems quite reasonable to believe, and safe to conclude.

The signs were in the knees, and still Col. Weaver, who through his numerous years that June day begun, was re-

markable for correct and commendable practices, I cannot learn upon any occasion of his life was ever heard to pray.

The maker of this old Almanac, that ancient prognosticator, was also a poet, or employed a rhymer, as his June page of that now smoky and dingy oracle, ragged and worn, also contains the following:

"Now the Carnation, and the bashful Rose,
Their Virgin blushes to the Morn disclose;
Now the chaste Lily rises to the Light,
Unveils her snowy Breast and charms the Sight,
And Arbours are with twining greens array'd,
T' oblige complaining Lovers with their Shade."

But why born at his grandfather's? the reader may and doubtless will inquire. Were not his father and mother married? Yes, they were married, and had been married too long for the mother to be charged with "fornication before marriage," which, by the way, was a very common thing among the "bundling" Yankee lads and lasses of that day. Had the father and mother quarrelled? No, there is no evidence that they had then quarrelled, or that anything so unseemly as a quarrel occurred between them afterwards, nor had they obtained, or sought, or even desired to obtain, a divorce. No—divorces and the present causes of divorce were almost or quite unknown to our people then. Those curses were yet to come. The vials of such hellish wrath as now destroys the peace of so many households, dividing and breaking up what ought to be happy homes, had not then begun to be poured out upon us as a people. If the men of those days were not more pious than now, or the women more chaste, the latter were much more peaceably disposed, and though the *ladies* had much less bestowed upon their *education*, evinced far more "of the wisdom that is from above, first pure, then peaceable, gentle and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy."

The facts in this particular case were, that the father of

this new born babe (a master mariner) was then absent on a sea-voyage, and had been absent nearly all the time after becoming a married man, and the young wife still remained at her father's, first because in his absence this was more agreeable to her, and second, perhaps, that should medical aid be required in the event just noticed, her uncle the family physician could be called, as at her father's his house was easy of access, while from her husband's former home upon the other side of Taunton River, Dr. Turner* was not as easily or quickly called.

And thus it was that her married life with Benjamin Weaver, Jr., was spent, her anticipation of becoming a house-keeper never being realized,† as the second birth-day of her boy had scarcely passed ere her husband was drowned, and she at the age of 23 years found herself a widow.

Joanna, the widow of Benjamin Weaver, Jr., was appointed administratrix of the estate of her deceased husband, at a Probate Court holden in Norton, Aug. 30, 1756; and at a Court of Probate holden at Freetown, Nov. 1, 1757, she was made guardian to her infant child—the copy of that instrument being as follows:

Bristol ſs. Province of the Maſsachusetts Bay.
By the Honble George Leonard Eſq^r,
{ Seal. } Judge of the Probate of Wills, &c., for and within the County of Bristol in the Province aforeſaid.
To Joanna Weaver of Freetown in the County of Bristol widow Greeting:

* John Turner resided in that part of what was then Freetown, and now Fall River, called Bowenville. His wife was Patience Gardiner, a sister to the wife of Capt. Ambrose Barnaby, and consequently an aunt to Joanna, the wife of Benjamin Weaver, Jr. John Turner, Jr., or young Dr. Turner as he was called, was born March 22, 1748.

† That she never became a house-keeper is an inference that the writer has drawn from the circumstances. Possibly she might have kept house in a part of her father's dwelling; but it is hardly probable. It is one of those things concerning which the positive evidence is lost and obliterated by time. Alas! how much is thus effaced from sight, and even from memory.

Trusting in your Care and Fidelity, I do by theſe Preſents, purſuant to the Power and Authority to me granted in and by an Act of the General Aſſembly of the ſaid Province, Nominate and Appoint you to be Guardian unto Benjamin Weaver a minor and under the age of fourteen years, Son of Benjamin Weaver Late of Freetown Des^{d} with full Power and Authority to Ask, Demand, Sue for, Recover Receive and to Take into your Custody, all and singular ſuch Part and Portion of Estate as accrues to him in Right of his father the sd Deceaſed or which by any other Way or Means whatſoever doth of Right appertain or belong to him, and to manage, employ and improve the ſame for his best Profit and Advantage, and to render a plain and true Accompt of your Guardianship upon Oath, ſo far as the Law will charge you therewith, when you shall be lawfully Required, and pay and deliver ſuch and ſo much of the ſaid Estate as shall be remaining upon your Accompt (the ſame being first examined and allowed by the Judge or Judges for the Time being of Probate &c) unto the ſaid Minor, when he shall arrive at full Age, or otherwiſe as the ſaid Judge or Judges, by his or their Decree or Sentence, purſuant to Law, shall limit and appoint.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto ſet my Hand, and the Seal of ſaid Court of Probate. Dated at Freetown the first Day of November Anno Domini 1757. GEORGE LEONARD.

George Leonard Ju^{r} Reg.

This appointment of the widow Joanna Weaver to be guardian* of her only son was copied by the writer of this work from the original paper then made out and signed by George Leonard, Judge of Probate, and Geo. Leonard, Jr., his son, then Register of that court. That document passed from the mother to the son, and from that son to his daugh-

* Her Letter of Administration has also been preserved. How marked is the contrast between the careful acts of this woman and her posterity, and the conduct of another Freetown woman, the wife of Capt. Matthew Randall, of Easton, who threw into the fire all the vouchers of her husband for supplies furnished by him in the war of the American Revolution, which inconsiderate act prevented him from recovering a large and just claim against the government, and reduced him to poverty. She could not bear to have the old papers around; and one toss of the hand and a cheerful five minutes' blaze of the fire, and the labors of her husband's life were destroyed. What a helpmete was that! What thrift and good judgment, or rather total want of judgment, was displayed! This account of her carelessness and utter lack of forethought was communicated to the writer by her grandson, Mr. Sylvester Briggs, late of Freetown, deceased.

ter Joanna, and from her to her son, the author of this compilation, having been carefully preserved for the term of one hundred and seventeen years, and affording one of the means or materials by which I am enabled to present so accurate and particular account of the family's history.

Some time in 1758, Joanna, the widow of Benjamin Weaver, Jr., deceased, was united in marriage with Col. Sylvester Childs, of Warren, R. I., and going to reside with her second husband, left the subject of this sketch with his grandfather, Capt. Ambrose Barnaby, of Freetown.

Capt. Barnaby's youngest child Sarah (afterwards the wife of James Winslow*) was then only 10 years of age; his son Ambrose,† 13; daughter Mary (afterwards the wife of Daniel Wilbur‡), 15; daughter Lydia (afterwards wife of Capt. George Brightman§), 18; and daughter Elizabeth, 20. All these were probably at that date still residents of the paternal mansion. The other and still older children of Capt. Barnaby had then married, and probably had left home to set up housekeeping for themselves. As Capt. Barnaby

* James Winslow was a son of Lieut.-Col. James Winslow, of Freetown, and wife Charity Hodges, of Norton. James, the parent, was a lieutenant of the first company in the local militia of Freetown as early as 1757, Capt.-Lieutenant in 1758, Captain, June 4, 1762, Lieut.-Colonel, July 25, 1771. Commissioned a Justice of the Peace. He was a Selectman of Freetown one year, Town Treasurer several years. Was a tory in the war of Revolution. [State and Freetown Records.]

† Ambrose Barnaby, Jr., was commissioned Ensign of the 2d company in the local militia of Freetown in July, 1771, Jail Hathaway being at the same time made Captain. Barnaby was at that time about 27 years old, and Hathaway was then 52 years of age. Ensign Ambrose Barnaby was Moderator of the annual town meeting in Freetown ten years, Selectman fourteen years, Town Treasurer two years, Representative to the General Court in 1787. [Mass. and Freetown Records.]

‡ Daniel Wilbur and wife Mary Barnaby were the grandparents of Hon. Daniel Wilbur, of Somerset.

§ Capt. George Brightman was born Sept. 16, 1721; commissioned Captain of the 2d company in the local militia of Freetown in or about 1755; commissioned a Justice of the Peace for Bristol County, February, 1765; Selectman of Freetown three years; Town Treasurer two years. Was a tory in the War of Revolution. He was the first person residing within the limits of that part of Freetown now Fall River, on whom was conferred the appointment of Justice of the Peace. Resided near where are now the Narraganset, Sagamore and Border City Mills.

had now three children married, his grandchildren were already quite rapidly upon the increase; but the little fatherless boy, Benjamin Weaver, was more than two years senior to any of them, and of course the first child upon whom Capt. Barnaby ever looked with the eyes of a grandparent, and he ever seems to have been regarded by him as the "first fruits" of that generation.

Thus we see that Benjamin Weaver (No. 9) was in early infancy left fatherless, and his mother about two years later becoming the wife of Col. Sylvester Childs, of Warren, went there to reside, leaving the little fatherless boy with its grandfather, Capt. Ambrose Barnaby, and his birth-place seems to have been his home till of an age suitable to be apprenticed to learn a trade.

During his early years, as in fact throughout all his long and well spent life, he was remarkably sedate and order-loving, with a keen sense of proprieties in conduct, paying respectful deference to seniors in age, or superiors in rank or station, the boy being father to the man, and that man a most perfect gentleman. Doubtless his training was of the best and most approved kind, and fully up in form and in substance to that required in the best circles of society in those days to which his grandfather's family belonged, taking as they did, and holding for the term of many years and through several successive generations a most decidedly leading position, so much so in fact as to become models by which comparisons were made; for whoever could set such a table as Capt. Ambrose Barnaby's, thought that the *ne plus ultra* in that part of living had been attained, and if besides this their dress was of the same cut, make-up and cloth, they were thought to equal those who in bible times were arrayed in fine linen and fared sumptuously every day.

It is not too much to say that the Freetown Barnabys of those old times were the élite of an aristocracy not only of blood and brains, but also of money, mind and manners. A

very poor man used to go about boasting that himself and Ambrose Barnaby had more pork in their cellars than any other two men in town; and this was universally admitted to be true, although the boaster was as well known not to have a pound of pork in his own cellar.

The writer has often tried to fancy the scenes of the table and the drawing-room in that old mansion,* noted for its generous hospitality and abundance of good cheer. Capt. Barnaby,† the head of the house, had held a military commission under the King; his brother-in-law,‡ a Lieut.-Colonel under the King, had done service on battlefields of the French and Indian war; to which might now be added a son-in-law§ with the commission of a full Colonel under His Majesty King George III. Such appointments were not then conferred save upon men by nature, education and position in society, qualified to lead and command, appointments eminently "fit to be made," and which conferred an honor and dignity upon the recipient, as also a demand that his conduct should not be such as to disgrace his position, and such persons acting under such circumstances were those from whom this young lad was taught both by precept and example; and that he should become as he did, an aristocrat, was what might be expected, a lover and ardent worshipper of an aristocracy of blood, brains and good behaviour, and a hater and despiser of the Yankee shoddy aristocracy of money, which could not successfully thrive and exist

* The house is still standing on the Barnaby farm in Freetown.

† Perhaps Captain of the second company in the local militia of Freetown, or what to my mind is more probable, Adjutant of the second regiment of the militia of Bristol County. An Adjutant in the militia then ranked as Captain. Captain Barnaby wrote an elegant hand, and became the amanuensis of the neighbors, town clerk, &c.

‡ Peleg Gardiner, Esq., of Swansea, a brother of Mrs. Elizabeth Barnaby. He was Lieut.-Colonel of the first regiment of the Bristol County militia till the commencement of the war of the American Revolution. Was born in 1719; died Aug. 10, 1789, from the effects of a cancer.

§ Sylvester Childs, Esq., of Warren, R. I., Colonel of a Rhode Island Regiment. Thomas Church was his Lieut.-Colonel, and N. Coggswell Major.

under any other form of government than a republic, and in those old

"Days when George the Third was King,"

did not in this country (then one of his colonies) exist at all.

Young Weaver's first efforts, added to that of good behavior, was the attainment of an education, in which for a time he was unequalled by any of his associates. The school term was short, being only a few weeks in winter, and nearly three miles of snow drifts to be encountered, and of bad road to be travelled over, to reach the school-house.*

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* The story of the long and wearisome travel to school was told the writer by his grandfather.

The school-house, almost three miles from these boys' homes, and where in winter they attended school, stood in Assonet Village, on the identical spot where now (1874) stands Joshua Shove's building, recently used as a post-office, and concerning that school-house the town records of Freetown inform as follows. [See 2d book of Freetown Records.]

"At a Legual town meeting held at the publick meeting house in Freetown on monday ye 3d Day of march 1745–6 a motion was made in ye meeting about making provision for the school at ye North End of sd town then at sd meeting they made choice of John Read Steven Chase & Joshua Boomer as a committee to provide an house to keep the town school in, at the North end of Freetown. Either to hire or to buy one for that use & upon further Consideration of ye matter made an addition of Mr. Samuel Forman & George Winslow & Qualified them with the same power of agency to act Upon ye affair and then ajourned sd meeting to monday the 10th day of march Current att 12 a clock of sd Day to our Publick meeting house in Freetown accordingly met and ajourned to ye house of Mr. Samuel Valentine In Freetown & there Reed the Report of ye Committee that was sent to provide an house for ye school & it is as follows."

"Freetown March ye 8, 1745.

"We the Subscribers being appointed a committee to hire or purchase a house in ye North End of sd town to keep school In at a town meeting held at Freetown aforesd ye 3d of march 1745 Therefore These are to Enform That we can purchase a house & ye land it stands on of twenty one feet long and eighteen wide standing between the house of Ephraim Tisdale and Sonet ould bridge for one hundred pounds ould tenor. It is to be finished of to ye turning of a key with tabels and seats convenient for sd house, paying 50 pounds down at ye signing of ye deed and 50 more by the 15th day of August Next Ensuing the date hereof

Samll Forman
George Winslow
Stephen Chase
Joshua Boomer
} Committee."

"then adjourned sd meeting to tuesday the 25th Day of march Currant at Nine ot ye Clock In ye forenoon, accordingly then met & optened ye meeting & then ye town Did by their Vote Except of that house and land for ye town school house at North End of ye sd town upon the conditions above mentioned."

One lad about his own age,* and living near, emulating his example, became possessed with the same spirit, and was also a successful competitor for the honors of scholarship. Whatever Benjamin did the other boy attempted, and with a zeal and persistent, energetic effort that made him equally the victor. Even the teacher, perhaps, could not tell which was the better scholar of these two remarkably studious boys.

The father of the other boy, pleased by the attainments of his son, determined that nothing should be lacking on his own part to aid, assist, and in every proper way to encourage his child, and therefore whatever book the boy Benjamin had, another of the same kind was immediately by the father procured for the competitor in this commendable race.† It is doubtful if the boy Benjamin in his recitations was a jot ahead of the other; and, so far as an education went, they started out in life together, neither having the start or advantage of the other, and neither was so situated in life but that to learn a trade became indispensable, as both of them did. Two young men with equal advantages and the same ambition, ends and aims, equal in personal appearance and in every thing discoverable save health, in which the competitor had a most decided advantage, being robust and

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That house was burned and a new one erected on the same spot. The first house stood about thirty years. The second house stood about thirty-five years. The house of Ephraim Tisdale, before named, was moved back to make room for erecting the present dwelling of George H. Dean, and was finally sold to Joseph Staples, and was last used for a blacksmith shop. This Tisdale house is thought to have been the birth-place of Helen Leonard, the wife of Dr. C. Hay, and mother of Col. John Hay, associate editor of the New York Tribune.

* There was a difference of fifty days in their ages, Benjamin Weaver having been born June 25, 1755, and his competitor for scholastic attainments, Aug. 14, 1755. The first died April 23, 1838, aged 82 years, 9 months and 28 days; the other died August, 1840, aged 85 years, and exceeding the first in the whole term of earthly existence 1 year, 1 month and 2 days. [Freetown Records.]

† In an old account-book that was formerly the property of Lieut.-Colonel Abiel Terry, of Freetown, the writer of this work found charged to Ambrose Cleveland, a "Latin Grammar for son Ambrose." Benjamin Weaver's Latin Grammar has come down as an heir-loom to his grandson, the author of this history.

strong, while the boy Benjamin was puny. Both lived to be far advanced in years; but how widely different were the paths pursued by them in life! for commencing as at the hub, their courses were diverging, constantly and continually widening like the spokes of a wheel, and when the first was by a diligent hand being made rich and crowned with honors, the other had entered upon his thirty-eight years of pauperism. Ambrose Cleveland,* for that was his name, was a remarkably sprightly, intelligent and handsome boy, and even to degradation, penury and old age, retained a love for good attire, personifying the "shabby genteel," by getting on, whenever and as often as he could, a ruffled shirt, not only ruffled in the bosom, but wristbands, such doubtless

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* Whereas, Mr. Ambrose Cleveland presented unto this Assembly the following confession and declaration to wit:

Confession and Declaration of Ambrose Cleveland to the General Assembly.

To the Honourable General Assembly of the Colony of Rhode Island now sitting at Providence.

"Whereas the memorial of Ambrose Cleveland acknowledges his wrong in signing Brigadier Ruggle's Association under Col. Gilbert, and training under said Gilbert for two days, and going to Boston and working at the King's works; and likewise of my saying I could pilot the fleet as far as Bowers; all which I am heartily sorry for, and for the future I am determined to stand for the rights and liberties of my country, as far as lies in my power.

"I therefore beg the Honourable House will forgive me, and pray that I may be received as a friend to my country.

"I am with regard Your Honour's most obedient, humble servant,

AMBROSE CLEVELAND.

"And the said memorial being considered by this Assembly,

"It is voted and resolved that the said Ambrose Cleveland be discharged from his confinement upon condition that he immediately proceed to Freetown, of which he is an inhabitant, and that he does not, on any pretence, move out of said town for one year from the date hereof, and paying all the charges of his being apprehended and of his confinement." [Records of the Proceedings of the General Assembly for the Colony of Rhode Island, in session at Providence, Tuesday, Oct. 31st, 1775.]

Freetown at that date disposed of its paupers at public auction to the lowest bidder, who furnished food and clothing, and sometimes lodging, for the term of one year, and had all the labor that the pauper could perform. When Cleveland first became a town charge, he was bid down to nothing, and then bid up to twenty dollars, to be paid to the town for his services. [See Freetown Records.]

The writer remembers him as a wood-sawyer, though by trade he was a boat-builder. He received an injury from the fall of a tree, which made him very lame. This injury was not received until he had been a pauper more than twenty years.

as he in youth wore when *apeing* the best and most fashionable society in town. He was the oldest child of Ambrose Cleveland, of Freetown, and Keturah his wife, and born Aug. 14, 1755, became a pauper in 1802, or when forty-five years of age, died in Aug. 1840, after having been an inmate of the alms-house about thirty-eight years. [Tradition, recollections of the writer, and Freetown Records.]

> "What differ more, you say, than crown and cowl?
> I'll tell you, friend, a wise man and a fool."

On the westerly side of the old stage road, leading from Assonet Village to Fall River, and a little south of the former residence of the late Malbone Hathaway, is an old well almost in line with the stone wall, and in the field near by a slight indentation in the ground that marks the spot where once stood the house of Ambrose Cleveland* and wife, in which probably were born the children hereafter mentioned:

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* Ambrose Cleveland, the parent, was elected pound-keeper, March 16, 1767. The pound-keepers, as appear on the town records, have been as follows: Ralph Earl from May, 1705, to 1718. Abraham Simmons from March 25, 1718, four years. John Cleveland from March 29, 1722, eight years. Samuel Valentine chosen March 2, 1730. Ambrose Barnaby, March 1, 1731. James Chase, March 6, 1732. John Cleveland, Mar. 5, 1733. John Douglas, Mar. 3, 1735. Ambrose Barnaby, Mar. 1, 1736. Thos. Davis, Mar. 6, 1738. John Cleveland, Mar. 3, 1740. Thos. Davis, Mar. 4, 1745. Sam'l Valentine, March 20, 1749. Samuel Valentine, Jr., Mar. 27, 1757. Benjamin Cleveland, March 17, 1760. Samuel Valentine, Jr., March 19, 1764. Ambrose Cleveland, March 16, 1767. Benjamin Cleveland, ——, 176 . John Valentine, March 4, 1776. Wm. Valentine, 1777. Samuel Barnaby, March 16, 1778. Wm. Valentine, July 10, 1780. Noah Chase, 1781. Benjamin Cleveland, March, 1785. Capt. Luther Winslow, April 7, 1794. Wm. Valentine, April 6, 1801. Edson Valentine, April 5, 1802. Calvin Hathaway, April 4, 1803. Apollos Dean, April 2, 1804. Benjamin Dean, May 10, 1813. Edmund Hathaway, 1819. Benjamin Dean, 1820. Philip P. Hathaway, 1825. Benjamin Dean, 1826, 10 yrs. Peter Nichols, 1836. Wm. B. Staples, 1838. Wm. C. Strobridge, 1842. Lynde Hathaway, 1843. Henry M. Chase, 1847. Ambrose W. Hathaway, 1849. Wm. R. Burr, 1850. Thomas S. Hathaway, 1851. Asahel Stockwell, 1856. Nathan T. Strange, 1859. Benjamin F. Hathaway, 1860. Samuel C. Hathaway, 1861, 2 yrs. Solomon Cummings, 1863. Daniel L. Johnson, 1864. Elbridge M. Martin, 1866. Vernon B. Gardner, 1871. [T wn Records of Freetown.]

Frectown Records, Book 1st.

"Aug. 5th, 1700.

"then voted that John Simmons should make a good sufficient pound near the road neere his house and hee to have twenty five shillings for his labor.

THOMAS KING, Town Clerk."

Ambrose, Aug. 14, 1755; Tabitha, Nov. 25, 1757; Elizabeth, May 31, 1760; William, Feb. 11, 1763; and Jonathan, Jan. 27, 1766. In this now old field, or cow-pasture, was that to them dearest spot on earth, Home, but alas, how changed! They are gone, all gone, gone forever.

"The orchard, meadow, and deep-tangled wildwood,
With every loved spot that their infancy knew,"

exist only in the memory, or are so changed, that could they

"January 4th, 1704.

"Voted Ralph Earl to build a sufficient pound for the towns use in som convenient place near the rode on som part of said Earles land in freetown by the furst of may next insewing to the Exceptance of the select men of said town and the sade Earl is to have 12 Shillings for building the said pound paid him by Robert Durfe on the townes behalf.

JOHN REED, JR., Town Clerk."

"January 5, 1706.

"the inhabitants of the towne was notified by Ralfe Earl that the pound was finished which the said Earl had agreed with the town to build.

JOHN REED, JR., Town Clerk."

"March 29th, 1716.

"Voted that a town pound should be built seven fut high and 28 fut square with plank, Richard winslow Chose to build the same and to be set at ye north corner of that peas of land where the meeting house stands about one Rod from the highway.

ROBERT DURFEE, Town Clerk."

"March 4th, 1734.

Allowed Jacob Hathaway for "half a day mending the pound 00£. 02 Shill. 00 D. and for spikes for the pound 00£. 6 Shill. 00 D.

JOHN REED, Town Clerk."

"May 26th, 1734.

"voted samuel forman agent to agree with a man or men to build a pound for the towns use and the town to be at the Charge thereof the bigness Easterly from the Road 28 fecte and 26 feet fronting on the Road to be 26 and 28 with the in side thereof and to be laid at the bottom 3 feet and a half thick and six feet high beside the Cap stone.

JOHN REED, Town Clerk."

In 1744 there was "Granted to Steven Chase for making a gait to the pound and hanging the same 2 £. 00 Shill. 00 D.

JOSEPH REED, Town Clerk."

It was, perhaps, the pound built by vote of the town, May 26, 1734, that remained until within a few years, when the stone of the wall were carted away without leave or license, and the town of Frectown chose as an agent Ebenezer W. Peirce to learn who had taken it away and also to prosecute for the recovery of damages, both of which he did, and after a law-suit that involved two trials by a jury, obtained a verdict for damages against John B. Read, of Fall River, in Court holden at Taunton in 1871.

return, would not be recognized by eyes once so familiar with its scenes. No more shall the shrill voice of the clarion cock awake that happy family of joyous playful children to the early beauties and healthful breezes of returning day, arousing them from refreshing sleep and pleasant dreams to salute the glorious morn. All changed, all gone, even to

> "The old oaken bucket,
> The iron-bound bucket,
> The moss-covered bucket
> That hung in the well."

But why, may, and perhaps will inquire the reader, Why this difference in the lives of two men with the same educational advantages and so nearly equal at the start? To which I reply, Tell why that good seed in the Parable of the Sower did not all produce alike? Why, in yielding a harvest, was some thirty, some sixty, and some an hundred fold, when the seed sown was equally good and planted by the same hand? And why did some only spring up to wither away and the tender plant quickly perish? Methinks I hear the ready reply, the difference in the soil where the seed fell was what caused the varied results; and the natural and inherent difference of the material of which these two men were composed, say we, was what caused the widely different results in their lives and actions. But, says the popular theory, "All men are born equal." If born equal, why do they not remain equal? Says the objector, because one pursues a wise and the other a foolish course in life. True; but let us go deeper into the subject and nearer the real root of the matter and ask why one acts wisely and the other foolishly? and can any other solution be given than that of a natural and inherent difference in the persons, such a difference as never has been and never will be by time overcome, or has by seasons, age, condition, education or religion been regulated. The fact is, men are *not* born equal; a difference exists at the moment of birth, continues to exist through the whole course of their

lives in this world, and it is reasonable to believe will continue to exist in another world; for

> "Order is heaven's first law, and this confessed,
> Some are, and must be, greater than the rest."

To show who were the teachers in these olden times, when Benjamin Weaver and Ambrose Cleveland were scholars, we extract the following from Freetown Records:

March 20th 1769 The town voted William Palmer* 24£. 15 S. & 10 pence for 7 months keeping school; alſo paid school master Brown for keeping school one month 1 £. 16 S. School master Crocker for keeping school three months 5 pounds 8. shillings.

ZEBADEE TERRY, Town Clerk.

August 29th 1770. Voted to James Tiſdale for keeping school twelve weeks in New Freetown three months and a half in ye middle of the old part of the town and six months at Aſſonet the ſum of 24 pounds 11 shillings. ZEBADEE TERRY, Town Clerk.

January 6th 1772 Voted that Mr. Shadrach Winslow† shall be the towns Grammar school master for two months at 40. shillings per month and 6. shillings per week for his board.

ZEBADEE TERRY, Town Clerk.

On attaining the proper age, Benjamin Weaver was apprenticed in Warren, R. I., to learn the trade of a hatter. It was there that his mother lived, but he was not quite eighteen years of age when she died. Mrs. Joanna Childs died May 18, 1773, aged 39 years, 10 months and 22 days. [Freetown Records.]

Two years later (when the son was twenty years of age), the war of the American Revolution began, and he was among the first to enrol his name among the patriotic de-

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* William Palmer, the school master, was probably the same who when the "test vote" was taken in Freetown, between Whigs and Tories, Sept. 27, 1768, voted Whig. That vote stood twenty-three Tories to ten Whigs.

† Shadrach Winslow was a son of Lieut.-Colonel James Winslow, of Freetown, and wife Charity Hodges, and born Dec. 17, 1750. He graduated at Yale College, became a physician, and settled for practice in Foxboro', Mass.

fenders of the liberties of the land that gave him birth; and as a Sergeant of "Minute Men," promptly responded at the first call of his distressed and bleeding country. His father-in-law, Col. Sylvester Childs, although having held the commission of Colonel under the King, came resolutely out on the patriot side, as did also the grandfather, Capt. Barnaby; and the last named, although advanced in years, took an active part. But these labors were of brief duration, as on the very day that the British army in Boston were preparing to march to Lexington and Concord, the spirit of the aged patriot and veteran officer left its earthly tenement; and as those sanguinary fights were progressing, his whig neighbors were regretting an able councillor lost, a true friend departed, and his family in the first pangs of grief, mourning for their father dead. Capt. Ambrose Barnaby died April 18, 1775, aged 69 years. [Gravestone.]

On attaining his majority, Benjamin Weaver returned to his old home and birth-place in Massachusetts, and as a private soldier served in the company* commanded by Capt. Benjamin Read, of Freetown, on a tour of duty in Rhode Island, commenced July 27, 1780. The next year he was

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* The names borne upon the roll of Capt. Benjamin Read's company, and who performed service on that tour to Rhode Island in 1780, were as follows:

COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.

Benjamin Read, *Captain*. Philip Hathaway, Jr., *Lieutenant*. Benjamin Evans, *Ensign*.

NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND MUSICIANS.

Sergeants, Guilford Evans, Samuel Hathaway and Silas Hathaway. *Corporals*, David Douglas and John Paine. *Musicians*, James Winslow and George Winslow.

PRIVATE SOLDIERS.

Ephraim Briggs, John Briggs, Abner Briggs, Daniel Braman, Isaac Burbank, Greenfield Chase, Jesse Cudworth, Gilbert Chase, George Chase, Jr., Richard Clark, Fairfax Chase, Thomas Evans, John Evans, Jr., Guilford Grinnell, Daniel Grinnell, Benjamin Grinnell, Jonathan Hathaway, Jr., Seth Hathaway, Joseph Hathaway, Robert Hathaway, Joseph Hathaway, Jr., Silas Hathaway, Ebenezer Hathaway, Peter Jucket, Job Keen, Walter Nichols, Solomon Paine, Warden Paine, John Paine, Benjamin Porter, Samuel Richmond, Rufus Raymond, William

made Captain of the same company, with Nathan Dean as his Lieutenant and Samuel Hathaway as Ensign. Of the regiment to which this company belonged, Manasseh Kempton, of Dartmouth, was Colonel; Joseph Durfee, of Freetown (now Fall River), Lieut.-Colonel, and George Claghorn, of Dartmouth (now New Bedford), Major. The brigade of which this regiment was a part was commanded by Brig.-Gen. James Williams, of Taunton. Capt. Weaver now commenced the hatting business in Freetown, and for a time carried it on in a building standing on the Barnaby farm. [State Records and Tradition.]

The cut (next page) represents the present appearance of the old Gilbert house. It was erected in or near 1744, and as a consequence has stood about one hundred and thirty years. The dimensions are 30 by 40 on the ground, with a porch 18 feet by 24. Ephraim Tisdale was the builder and first occupant. He was a son of Joshua Tisdale, and a grandson of John Tisdale, one of the twenty-six original purchasers

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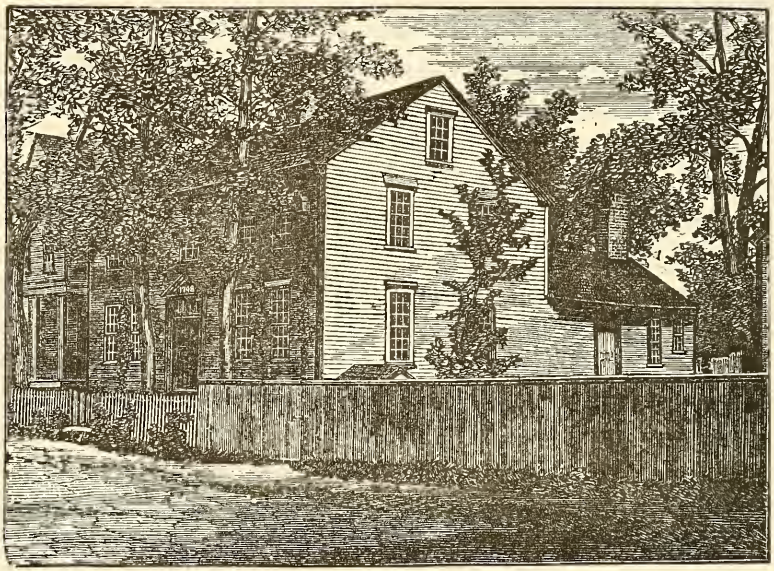
Read, Isaac Record, Charles Strange, James Strange, Lot Strange, Job Terry, Solomon Terry, Abiel Terry, Jr., Benjamin Weaver, David Winslow, Oliver Winslow, William Winslow, Richard Winslow, Ezra Winslow, Thomas Winslow.

The second company of Freetown militia performed duty in Rhode Island in 1780, under Capt. Henry Brightman. Oliver Reed, Jr., was his Lieutenant, and Amos Snell, Ensign. The third company of the local militia of Freetown also participated in this campaign with 44 men. Joseph Norton was Captain.

These companies then belonged to the regiment of which John Hathaway, of Berkley, was Colonel; Sylvester Richmond, of Dighton, Lt.-Colonel; Manasseh Kempton, of Dartmouth, and Joseph Durfee, of Freetown, Majors. Those commissions were conferred upon them under date of June 9, 1778. George Godfrey, of Taunton, was Brigadier General, commissioned February, 1776. The next year a thorough re-organization took place, in order to conform to the requirements of the then newly adopted State constitution, when Godfrey as Brigadier was succeeded by Lieut.-Col. James Williams, of Taunton; Hathaway, as Colonel, by Major Manasseh Kempton; Richmond, as Lieut.-Colonel, by Major Joseph Durfee; Kempton, as Major, by Capt. George Claghorn, and Read, as a Captain, by Private Benjamin Weaver. [See Records in Secretary's Office, Boston.]

At the next promotion of officers, Major George Claghorn was made Colonel in place of Kempton; Capt. Benjamin Weaver, Lieut.-Colonel, in place of Durfee, and Capt. Robert Earl, of Westport, Major, in place of Claghorn. Benjamin Porter was the successor of Benjamin Weaver in the office of Captain of the Assonet company. [State Records.]

of Freetown, April 2, 1659. John Tisdale was slain by the Indians, June 27, 1675. Sarah Walker, wife of John Tisdale, died Dec. 1676. The porch part was built by Col. Weaver about ninety years since.



This is a south-easterly view, or as seen from the street leading from the east bridge to the four corners in Assonet Village, Freetown.

While occupied by its original owner, doubtless this was the home of Ephraim Tisdale, Jr., or at any rate, his "father's house." Of Ephraim Tisdale, Jr., a most determined, persistent, and uncompromising tory, Mr. Lorenzo Sabine, on page 647 of his work entitled "American Loyalists," gives a very interesting account.

Henry Tisdale (a son of Ephraim the owner and brother of Ephraim Tisdale, Jr.) was among those tories proscribed and banished in the war of the American Revolution. [For a further account of him, see page 331.]

This paternal roof also sheltered two daughters of Ephraim Tisdale, who became the wives of Major Thomas

Gilbert, Jr., of Berkley, and his brother Bradford Gilbert, of Freetown, of a family that boasted of being "Britain from the stump;" and these daughters, like true women, as they were, without complaint, shared the privations and toils their husbands were called to endure for opinion's sake, accompanying them in their banishment and bravely enduring the rigors of proscription.

Those were indeed "days that tried men's souls," and not only those of whigs, but also the souls of tories, and not simply of men, but also of women.

The remains of Ephraim Tisdale, the builder, lie buried in the Tisdale cemetery in Freetown, now a most desolate, forlorn and thoroughly neglected spot, where

> —— "the wild brier,
> The thorn and the thistle grow broader and higher,"

and the bramble, baberry and whortleberry bush seem striving for the ascendancy, and these with rank weeds and wild grasses almost hide from passing view an old brown stone so shrouded by a thick coating of moss as almost completely to obscure the tribute to his former worth. In view of this, how forcibly are we impressed with the truth of the poet's language—

> "How loved, how valued once, avails thee not,
> To whom related, or by whom begot;
> A heap of dust alone remains of thee,
> 'Tis all thou art, and all the proud shall be."

This ancient cemetery was a favorite resort of the school teacher of my juvenile years, Mrs. Pulcherah C. O. Bump, a lady of rare attainments for her time, and a very excellent teacher, possessing remarkable faculties for the training of youth. When accompanying her on an afternoon walk, I for the first time visited the premises, and although only nine years of age, still very distinctly remember how she directed my attention to the beautiful prospect this locality affords of Assonet Bay, and also of the reveries in which

she indulged while seated on a rock near by, watching the setting sun, witnessing the solemn grandeur and enjoying the glories of departing day.

During the term of forty long years that have intervened between that time and the present, oft

"By lonely contemplation led,"

have I revisited the spot, and again and again repeated my examinations of the inscriptions of the moss-grown tablets, speculated upon the sleepers beneath two huge horizontal stones* that Old Mortality died before furnishing the inscriptions of, and gone back in my mind's eye, thoughts and feelings, to the days of happy, joyous, innocent youth, when to me wearisome care was unknown and sorrow a comparative stranger. How have I thus been gratified if not indeed improved and aided, to sum up the virtues and defects of those who

"In this neglected spot are laid."

But I now and in this connection will

"No further seek their merits to disclose,
Nor draw their frailties from the dread abode
Where they alike in trembling hope repose,
The bosom of their father and their God."

Succeeding Ephraim Tisdale as owners, were Capt. Jail Hathaway, Capt. George Chase, and Abiel Chase.

Hathaway and George Chase were Captains in that noted battalion of loyalists raised by Col. Thomas Gilbert at the commencement of the Revolution, and both suffered severely at the hands of the whigs in the opening scenes of that contest.

Abiel Chase was husband of the notorious "Ruth Abiel," who figures so conspicuously in Sam. Howland's dream. [See Howland Genealogy, pp. 126, 127.]

* These are said to cover the graves of Joshua Tisdale and wife. One is devoid of an inscription, and the other has the words, "Here lieth the body of," and nothing more.

In or about 1762, or one hundred and twelve years since, Thomas Gilbert, of Berkley, bought out the three owners of this house, and removing with his family to Freetown, for the next twelve or thirteen years made this their home.

The house and lands of the tory Col. Thomas Gilbert having by the government been declared confiscated and by him forfeited, were sold, and by deed of purchase bearing date of Feb. 1, 1782, Capt. Benjamin Weaver came into possession of the house and house-lot containing about one acre of land. Letting a part of the house to Ebenezer Paine (then living with his first wife, Wait Freeborn), Capt. Weaver became a boarder in that family and carried on the business of a hatter in Assonet Village (that now is, then containing about a half a dozen houses), geographically the centre of the town, and as a consequence the best place for manufacturing and trade. It remained the centre until Fall River was detached, set off, and became a separate town, as it did in 1803.

Ebenezer Paine* is spoken of as a very moral and also as

* Ebenezer Paine was a son of John Paine, Jr., and wife Philip Strange, and born in or near 1740; died Feb. 8, 1826. John Paine, Jr., and Philip Strange, were married April 10, 1738, and in December, 1738, John Paine, Jr., was by the County Court required to give bonds for the support of a bastard child born of the body of his cousin, Hannah Briggs, a daughter of Amos Briggs and wife Sarah Paine, and Hannah, for fornication and bastardy, was sentenced to receive ten stripes on her naked back, well laid on. The moral trait of Ebenezer Paine was not therefore inherited from his father, but more probably from his mother, who was a far superior person to her husband. The Court required better security than the individual obligation of John Paine, Jr., and hence his father-in-law, Lieut. Lot Strange, joined in giving the security required, to keep out of prison the husband of his daughter. This Hannah Briggs was a sister of the notorious thief called "Bear Briggs." Bear Briggs was father of the noted counterfeiter and state-prison convict, Malbone Briggs. Malbone Briggs had seven sons that were state-prison convicts, and one son that committed a highway robbery and escaped punishment by running away; and a grandson who received a life sentence to prison. This Hannah Briggs was also sister to the notorious Moll Buck, alias Mary Ben, alias Mary Briggs, alias Mary Chase, who is said to have confessed she had committed every sin for which she knew a name, save murder, and all for money. Her works did follow her, as the records show her to have been the grandmother and great-grandmother to nine state-prison convicts, and all these generations of vipers were the lineal descendants of Amos Briggs and wife Sarah Paine! Does blood tell? Does history repeat itself?

a very odd man, sometimes declaring as he did, that no sum of money would tempt him to do wrong, but where a handsome woman was the subject he feared to trust himself, and often expressing a deep regret that he *knew so much*, and great aversion to the attainment of more knowledge. Such a man would not be likely to become a Solomon, a Solon or a Bacon, in his life time, or to be remembered chiefly for his attainments or remarkable wisdom in anything, nor did he thus become, nor is he so remembered.

"The learn'd is happy nature to explore;
The fool is happy that he knows no more."

The next year after purchasing a house and commencing business at Assonet, Capt. Benjamin Weaver was united in marriage with Miss Amy Brownell, of Portsmouth, R. I., a daughter of Joseph Brownell, Esq., and wife Rebecca Tripp. That family had held a very respectable and leading place in that town for several successive generations—in fact in every generation that had lived there, including the emigrant ancestor, and this marriage was one proper and reasonable to consummate an alliance "fit to be made." A brother* of the bride raised the first or earliest company enlisted on that Island for the patriot army of the American Revolution; and her sister about the same date became the wife of Maj. Jacob Mann,† of Wrentham, also a patriot of the American Revolution. [See Brownell Genealogy.]

To fight the trained legions of King George III. on Rhode Island did not probably occupy all the thoughts and desires of the two young officers from Massachusetts, Major Jacob Mann and Capt. Benjamin Weaver; for besides defending the fair domains of the father, each secured for him-

* Capt. Jonathan Brownell, a captain in one of the two regiments, at first constituting Brig.-General Nathaniel Greene's brigade. Capt. Brownell subsequently resided in Fall River. Owned what is now the city farm, then containing about two hundred acres. He was Selectman and Representative to General Court, also Justice of Peace for Bristol County.

† He was chief of a brigade staff, then called Brigade Major and Inspector, and ranking as a Major.

self the most endearing place in one of his daughter's affections. They helped save the old gentleman his farm, and at the same time captured the hearts and soon after carried away the persons of his two lovely daughters. Well, "such is life," and the adage is no less true than old, "The brave deserve the fair."

The educational acquirements and practical ability of Capt. Benjamin Weaver soon placed him in the leading positions of the town, and hence we find him to have been Constable and Collector of the taxes for the years 1782, '91, '92 and '93; Grand-juryman in 1796, 1800, and 1808; Assessor in 1787, 1803, '07, '15 and '18; Selectman, 1818; Auditor of town's accounts, 1800; Superintendent of Schools, 1795, 1800, and 1804; and Town Treasurer for a greater number of years than any other person has held that office in Freetown before or since, his first election occurring April 7, 1788, and by annual elections for eleven years. The trust was then conferred on Darius Chase *one year*, and *one year* on William Ennis, when Col. Weaver was again chosen and continued in that office for eighteen consecutive years, or twenty-nine years in the whole. He was also in a great number of instances called to preside in town meetings, a place that he was admirably qualified to fill. [Town Records of Freetown.]

A few extracts from the Freetown Records will best serve to show of what importance Col. Benjamin Weaver was considered to be in the educational concerns of the town.

"September 21st 1795.

Voted That Nathaniel Morton Eſqr* Benjamin Durfee & Col. Benjamin Weaver Be a Committee to examine into the state of the Schools within the town and make a report at the next meeting."

"Voted That Job Morton Col. Benjamin Weaver and Doct. John Turner Jr be a Committee to examine the qualifications of and agree with ſuch perſons as they may think proper to employ as teachers of the public schools within the town the year enſuing.

WILLIAM ENNIS, Town Clerk."

* Nathaniel Morton, Esq., was father of Gov. Marcus Morton.

"November 1800.

Voted There be a Committee appointed refpecting schools and arranging matters and things and fee in what districts schooling is due.

Voted That Nath[l] Morton Efq[r] Col. Benjamin Weaver and William Ennis be that Committee.

BENJAMIN PORTER,* Jr. Town Clerk."

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* Names of the town clerks of Freetown, and when first chosen, and how long each served:

Lieut. Samuel Gardiner, from 1688 to 1692, 5 years.
Lieut. Job Winslow, 16—. Wrote in old English.
Joshua Tisdale, March 30, 1696, 4 years. Wrote a very bad hand.
Thomas King, March 29, 1700, 1 year.
John Reed, Jr., March 31, 1701, 15 years. Wrote a very plain hand.
Lieut. Robert Durfee, March 29, 1716, 1 year.
John Reed, March 25, 1717, 2 years.
Jonathan Dodson, March 25, 1719, 1 year.
John Reed, March 29, 1720, 18 years, with other terms 35 years.
Lieut. Joseph Reed, March, 1738, 7 years.
Ambrose Barnaby, March 4, 1745, 6 years. Wrote an elegant hand.
Abiel Terry, May 20, 1751, 12 years.
Capt. Ambrose Barnaby, March 21, 1763, 4 years, with other term 10 years.
Zebedee Terry, March 16, 1767, 8 years. Wrote a handsome hand.
Samuel Barnaby, March 6, 1775, 5 years. Wrote a poor hand.
Lieut. Philip Hathaway, Jr., July 10, 1780, 8 years.
Ephraim Winslow, April 7, 1788, 7 years. Wrote a wretched bad hand, and for remissness in his dutics as Town Clerk was by the Mass. Legislature sentenced to pay a fine.
Lieut. Wm. Ennis, March 23, 1795, 5 years. Wrote a very handsome hand.
Benjamin Porter, Jr., April 7, 1800, 1 year.
Ebenezer Peirce, April 6, 1801, 1 year.
Capt. Job Peirce, Jr., April 5, 1802, 1 year.
Ebenezer Peirce, April 4, 1803, 3 years.
Lieut. William Pratt, April 7, 1806, 18 years. An excellent clerk.
Dr. Thomas Bump, April 5, 1824, 2 years.
Rev. James Taylor, April 3, 1826, 1 year. Wrote a homely hand.
John T. Lawton, April 2, 1827, 2 years.
Ephraim Atwood, April 6, 1829, 3 years.
Dr. Thomas Bump, March 5, 1832, 3 years.
Col. Ephraim Winslow, March 2, 1835, 2 years.
Alden Hathaway, Jr., March 6, 1837, 3 years.
Davis J. Barrows, March 2, 1840, 2 years.
Joseph B. Weaver, Esq., March 7, 1842, 7 years.
Dr. Thomas G. Nichols, Nov. 7, 1848, 10 years.
Silas P. Richmond, March 14, 1859, 4 years.
George W. Hall, March, 1863, 1 year.
Don C. H. Hathaway, March, 1864, now in office.

"Aug. 10th 1802.

The Committee appointed to examine and aſcertain the amount of schooling due to each district up to December 31st 1801 Col. Benjamin Weaver Simeon Borden and Nathl Morton Junr.

Job Peirce Junr, Town Clerk."

"April 2d 1804.

Choſe Colo Benjamin Weaver, William Rounsevill and Washington Hathaway as a Committee to Inſpect all the town schools that are kept in this town. Eben'r Peirce Town Clerk."

"November 3d 1806.

Voted That Colo Benjamin Weaver, Nathaniel Morton Eſqr and Capt. Charles Strange be and they hereby are appointed a Committee to inquire into the ſituation of the old school houſe lot in order to aſcertain by what title the town holds the ſame & whether they have a right to alienate ſaid lot, & if ſo for ſaid Committee to determine on what conditions the ſaid lot and school houſe can be diſpoſed of.

William Pratt, Town Clerk."

The mantle of Col. Benjamin Weaver, so far as pertained to the schools, seems now to have fallen upon his son, Major Joseph Weaver, of whom we next find recorded:

"April 19th 1814.

Voted That Capt. J. Strange, Major Joſeph Weaver, Capt. Benjamin H. Lawton, Mr. Edmund Peirce, Capt. Lynde Hathaway, Job Morton, Esq., Deacon Abraham Ashley and Mr. Josiah De Moranville be a committee to divide, subdivide and revise the school districts as on a review of the same shall be found indispensable.

Mr. Hercules Cushman,* Maj. Joseph Weaver and Robert Strobridge were chosen a committee for examining school masters and visiting schools in the old part of the town; Job Morton, Esq., William Rounsevill, Esq. and Malachi White for New Freetown.

William Pratt, Town Clerk."

After the death of his son, Major Joseph Weaver, which occurred Dec. 26, 1814, Col. Weaver was again by the town placed in leading positions in regard to the public schools, his name appearing signed to an official report as late as Jan. 1, 1820. [Gravestones and Freetown Records.]

* The same afterwards commissioned Colonel of the 5th Regiment in 2d Brigade, 5th Division Massachusetts militia. He was Representative to the General Court.

When the affairs of the first Congregational Church and Society had become so mixed that neither could tell whether in the body politic or out of the body, or in fact whether according to law existing at all, the following vote was passed in town meeting at Freetown :

"December 2d 1805.

Voted to have a Committee to examine and see if there is any legal settled minister in town, and report at the next annual meeting.

Benjamin Weaver Esqr Washington Hathaway Esqr and Philip Hathaway are the Committee.

Eben'r Peirce, Town Clerk."

A hospital for the inoculation of small-pox was established in town, and from the town record it appears that Col. Benjamin Weaver fixed the limits of the hospital grounds and drafted the regulations that were to govern the institution. Patients were received there during the first three months or the commencement of the year 1800. Three of Col. Weaver's children, viz., Gardiner, Joanna and Joseph, entered that hospital Feb. 21, 1800, and remained until March 11.*

At the date of that serious outbreak called the Shays' Rebellion, Benjamin Weaver was holding the commission of Captain of the first company in the local militia of Freetown, and was strictly loyal to the government, though there can be but little if any reasonable doubt that a majority of the people, and particularly the *train band* of that town, were sympathizers with Shays and the promoters of rebellion. Freetown was a hot bed of rebellion, a "banner town," for it furnished the leader† of all the rebels of the county

* The house then used as a hospital is the same now occupied by Col. Philip H. Evans. It was then owned by his grandfather, Lieut. Philip Hathaway. Not a single case of small-pox proved fatal. A hospital was opened there several years before, and a patient named Southworth died. His grave can be seen on the southerly side of "Ball's Hill," and marked by two rough stones.

† David Valentine, of Freetown, now Fall River, was the Rebel General of the Shays men of Bristol County. He resided where Rodolphus Allen now does. Valentine's house was taken down about forty years ago. He fled to England after

when they appeared in arms to resist the legal authorities, to break and trample upon the laws of the land. Sad and dreary days were those, for gloomy threatening clouds hung over us as a nation and a people.

Col. Weaver retained possession of the town's stock of powder and balls, and greatly replenished it; and so liberal was the supply he then obtained that some of the bullets were dealt out to the Assonet Light Infantry company in 1850, to be used in ball cartridges, such being required to pass inspection at muster. The writer was then Captain of that company, and of the third generation of the family that had commanded the militia of Freetown while supplied with the ammunition prepared to kill the Shays men, viz.: Col. Benjamin Weaver, in Shays' rebellion, 1786; Maj. Joseph Weaver, in the war of 1812; and himself in 1850, at the event above noticed.

Re-organization was the order of that day, and from Brigadier General down to fourth corporal,* commissions and warrants were issued only to those who were to be depended on, and who it was thought could safely be trusted in every emergency.

Capt. Benjamin Weaver, under these circumstances, became a *Lieut.-Colonel*, and the following is a correct list of the general, field and staff officers of all the militia in the

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the discomfiture of the rebels. Finally returned and was pardoned. Daniel Shays, of Pelham, was the rebel General-in-chief, and like Valentine left his country for his country's good, as was set forth in the old song:

"My name is Shays, in former days
In Pelham I did dwell;
But I was forced to quit that place
Because I did rebel."

Three attempts were made by the Shays men of Bristol County to stop the sessions of the courts at Taunton, viz., in June, September and October, 1786; and the last was probably the most desperate. It was doubtless owing to the lack of confidence that the rebels had in Valentine and his real inefficiency that no more mischief was done. One Bennet, from Dartmouth, dressed in British uniform, to the music of two fiddles, brought up his men in battle array, and part of the Shays men were for giving Bennet the chief command in place of Valentine.

* A militia company at that time had only four corporals.

County of Bristol, then constituting one brigade, and as officered to fight for "law and order," and uphold the government of the land. Their names, places of residence and dates of their commission were as follows:

Brigadier-General James Williams, of Taunton, July 1, 1781.

First Regiment of Infantry.

Peleg Shearman, of Swansea, Colonel, April 20, 1785.
Eliphalet Slack, of Rehoboth, Lieut.-Colonel, ditto.
Frederick Browne, of Rehoboth, Major, ditto.

Second Regiment of Infantry.

George Claghorn, of New Bedford, Colonel, July 10, 1788.
Benjamin Weaver,* of Freetown, Lieut.-Colonel, ditto.
Robert Earle, of Westport, Major, July, 1788.
Samuel Willis, of Dartmouth, Adjutant, Oct. 15, 1788.

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* The writer has his grandfather's commission of Lieut.-Colonel, bearing the State Seal and signature of John Hancock, who was Governor of this Commonwealth at the date of its issue. I have also found his resignation on file in the office of the Adjutant-General, at the State-House, Boston. Col. George Claghorn was naval constructor of the frigate Constitution.

Names of Freetown gentlemen who have held the commission of Lieut.-Colonel, and dates of their commissions.

2d Regiment in 2d Brigade, 5th Division Mass. Militia.

Ebenezer Hathaway, about 1749.
Abiel Terry, from 1758 to about 1761. Honorably discharged.
James Winslow, from July 25, 1771, to Sept. 19, 1775. Dismissed.
Joseph Durfee, from July 1, 1781, to 1788. Honorably discharged.
Benjamin Weaver, from July 10, 1788, to March, 1793. Honorably discharged.

Third Regiment Light Infantry, 2d Brigade, 1st Division Mass. Vol. Militia.

*Ebenezer W. Peirce, from April 2, 1852, to Nov. 7, 1855. Promoted.

Fourth Regiment of Artillery, 2d Brigade, 1st Division Mass. Vol. Militia.

Ebenezer W. Peirce, from Sept. 5, 1846, to July 27, 1848. Honorably discharged.

Fifth Regiment of Infantry, 2d Brigade, 5th Division.

Lynde Hathaway, from Sept. 28, 1821, to Nov. 7, 1822. Died in office.
*Ephraim Winslow, Jr., from March 8, 1828, to Oct. 5, 1829. Promoted.
Philip P. Hathaway, from Oct. 5, 1829, to 1833. Superseded.

Those having a (*) before the name were promoted, Peirce to Brigadier General, and Winslow to Colonel. For a complete list of all who held the position of Lieut.-Colonel of 2d Regiment, 2d Brigade, 5th Division, in the local militia of Massachusetts, see note at the bottom of page 241 of this work.

THIRD REGIMENT OF INFANTRY.

Joshua Wilbur, of Taunton, Colonel, May 15, 1788.
Noah Hall, of Raynham, Lieut.-Colonel, May 15, 1788.
Gideon Williams, of Taunton, Major, May 15, 1788.*

FOURTH REGIMENT OF CAVALRY.

Silas Cobb, of Norton, Colonel, May 26, 1788.†
Isaac White, of Mansfield, Lieut.-Colonel, May 26, 1788.
Ebenezer Tyler, of Attleboro', Major, May 26, 1788.
Isaac Morey, of Norton, Adjutant, Oct. 2, 1788.

BRIGADE TRAIN OF ARTILLERY.

Ephraim Lane,‡ of Norton, Captain, 1787.

Three companies§ of cavalry were authorized to be raised

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* He was a Captain at the date of the Shays insurrection, and led one of the Taunton companies called out to aid in its suppression. [See Records in State Secretary's Office, Boston.]

† He was a Captain in the patriot army of the American Revolution.

‡ This company was organized Oct. 31, 1776, with George Makepeace Captain, Seth Smith and Edhraim Lane, Jr., Lieutenants. It performed duty at Rhode Island in 1776 and '77, and again in '80. It also performed duty in the Coast Guard at New Bedford in June, 1814, and in Aug. 1814, part of the company was on duty at Fairhaven and a part in Boston. In 1843 it was made to constitute a part of the 4th Regiment of Artillery, of which the first officers were Wendell Hall, of Plymouth, Colonel; Ephraim B. Richards, of Boston, Lieut.-Colonel; and Ebenezer W. Peirce, of Freetown, Major. The regimental staff officers were Francis I. Noyes, of Boston, Adjutant; John P. Wade, of Dighton, Pay-master; Levi Hubbard, of Plymouth, Surgeon; and Robert B. Hall, of Plymouth, Chaplain. In the three months service in the war of the Great Rebellion, 1861, this company was a part of the 4th Regiment under Col. A. B. Packard, of Quincy.

§ NAMES OF MAJORS OF CAVALRY.

Philip Walker, of Rehoboth, from July 17, 1794, to 1801.
Daniel Gilbert, of Mansfield, from Aug. 20, 1801, to 1817.
Eliab B. Dean, of Raynham, from Sept. 16, 1817, to 1822.
Allen Hunt, of Seekonk, from Sept. 7, 1822, to 1826.
Jonathan Bliss, of Attleboro', from Sept. 18, 1826, to the disbandment of the battalion; two companies having been disbanded, and the third annexed to an infantry regiment.

ADJUTANTS OF CAVALRY.

Philip Walker, Jr., of Rehoboth, from March 1, 1797, to 1798.
Isaac Talbot, from April 27, 1798.
David Talbot, Jr., from March 26, 1800, to 1801. [*See over.*]

in the brigade under dates of May 12 and June 16, 1790, and John Gay, of Attleboro', David Talbot, of Dighton, and Tisdale Hodges, of Norton, made Captains of the same. These companies were organized as a battalion, July 17, 1794, with Philip Walker, of Rehoboth, as Major, and Philip Walker, Jr., was for a time Adjutant. This battalion continued to exist until about 1831, or a period of thirty-seven years.

In the *first company* of the local militia in Freetown were commissioned, July 18, 1788, Benjamin Porter,* Captain; Charles Strange, Lieut.; Silas Hathaway,† Ensign.

Second company in Freetown, that part now Fall River, June 8, 1789, Luther Winslow, Captain; Ichabod Read, Lieut.; David Cleveland, Ensign.

Third company, that part called New Freetown, or East Freetown, Peregrine White‡ was retained in his commission as Captain; Peter Crapo§ retained as Lieut.; and Edward Chase commissioned as Ensign.

Besides the three companies in Freetown, the second Regiment then embraced all the standing or local companies of militia in the present towns of Berkley, Dighton, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, New Bedford, Westport, and nearly all of what is now Acushnet, about fifteen companies.

Benjamin Weaver resigned his commission of Lieut.-Colonel in second regiment in 1793, and received an honorable

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Jonathan Chaffee, from April 22, 1801.
James Gilbert, from May 2, 1809, to 1812.
Josiah Deane, Jr., from Feb. 28, 1812, to 1817.
Eliab B. Dean, of Raynham, from Jan. 18, 1817, to Sept. 16, 1817. Promoted.
Jesse Hartshorn, of Taunton, from March 23, 1818, to 1820.
John A. Sturtevant, of Taunton, from 1820.
Wm. Ide, of Seekonk, from June 1, 1821, to disbandment of the battalion.

* Sept. 4, 1818, Capt. Benjamin Porter's son, Henry Porter, was commissioned to command the same company.

† Ensign Silas Hathaway's son, Lynde Hathaway, became Captain of this company, June 29, 1812, and was promoted to Major.

‡ His son, Malachi White, was commissioned Captain of this East Freetown company, Oct. 4, 1830.

§ Lieut. Peter Crapo was grandfather of Col. Henry H. Crapo, late Governor of Michigan.

discharge. He was succeeded as Lieut.-Colonel by Major Robert Earle, of Westport, and Capt. Sylvester Brownell, of Westport, made Major.

March 17, 1805, Col. Weaver* was commissioned Justice of the Peace for Bristol County, and by reappointments held that place until his death, April 23, 1838, a term of thirty-three years, one month and six days, during which time about three thousand cases were brought for trial before him

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* Names of Freetown gentlemen who received the appointment of Justice of the Peace for Bristol County, dates of commissions and discharges, number of years in commission, and cause of discharge.

Names.	*When Appointed.*		*When Discharged.*		*Term of Years.*	*Cause of Discharge.*
Thomas Terry,	from July 22, 1720,	to	1757,		37.	Death.
Ebenezer Hathaway,	from 1748,	to	Feb. 16, 1768,		20.	Death.
Abiel Terry,	from Nov. 24, 1761,	to	Sept. 19, 1775,		14.	Removed by an Act of Legislature.
Thomas Gilbert,	from 1762,	to	Sept. 19, 1775,		13.	Removed by an Act of Legislature.
*George Brightman,	from Feb. —, 1765,	to	Sept. 19, 1775,		10.	Removed by an Act of Legislature.
James Winslow,	from 17—,	to	Sept. 19, 1775,		—.	Removed by an Act of Legislature.
*Thomas Durfee, 2d,	from Aug. 29, 1775,	to			—.	Death.
Jesse Bullock,	from March 17, 1781,	to			—.	Death.
Nathaniel Morton,	from 17—,	to	18—,		—.	Death.
Ephraim Winslow,	from Feb. 13, 1797,	to	Jan. 24, 1833,		36.	Death.
*Charles Durfee,	from Jan. 7, 1801,	to	18—,		—.	
Washington Hathaway,	from Jan. 31, 1805,	to	Feb. 10, 1818,		13.	Death.
Benjamin Weaver,	from March 17, 1805,	to	April 23, 1838,		33.	Death.
Ebenezer Peirce,	from Feb. 20, 1808,	to	Jan. 6, 1845,		37.	Death.
Wm. Rounsevill,	from Feb. 20, 1808,	to	Nov. 13, 1816,		8.	Death.
Wm. Ennis,	from July 6, 1810,	to	181-,		—.	Left the State.
Joseph Weaver,	from Feb. 9, 1811,	to	Dec. 26, 1814,		4.	Death.
Job Morton,	from Feb. 9, 1811,	to	March —, 1843,		32.	Death.
Amos Braley,	from Feb. 25, 1812,	to	1816,		4.	Death.
Hercules Cushman,	from Oct. 14, 1814,	to	1828,		14.	Left the County.
Earl Sampson,	from May 29, 1815,	to	May 18—,		—.	Commis'n expired.
Rufus Bacon,	from Jan. 29, 1819,	to	1829,		10.	Left the State.
Hezekiah Mason,	from Feb. 24, 1825,	to	Feb. 18—,		—.	Commis'n expired.
John T. Lawton,	from 1825,	to	1843,		18.	Left the County.
Elnathan P. Hathaway,	from Feb. 5, 1827,	to	Jan. 23, 1858,		31.	Death.
Benjamin Burt,	from June 16, 1827,	to	18—,		—.	Left the County.
Thomas Bump,	from Feb. 25, 1830,	to	Feb. 18—,		—.	Commis'n expired.
Joseph B. Weaver,	from March 14, 1833,	to	March, 1856,		23.	Commis'n expired.
Calvin Thomas,	from Feb. 18, 1835,	to	Feb. 1849,		14.	Commis'n expired.
Charles A. Morton,	from April 11, 1839,	to	18—,		—.	
Ephraim Atwood,	from July 1, 1843,	to	18—,		—.	Left the County.
Gideon P. Hathaway,	from Oct. 1, 1847,	to	Feb. —, 1868,		7.	Death.
Walter S. Rounsevill,	from April 11, 1848,	to	Jan. 11, 1853,		3.	Death.
Bradford Braley,	from June 1, 1848,	to	June —, 1862,		14.	Commis'n expired.
Thomas G. Nichols,	from Feb. 12, 1851,	to	18—,		—.	
Nicholas Hathaway,	from July 8, 1851,	to	1856,		5.	Left the County.
Reuel Washburn,	from Feb. 18, 1852,	to			—.	
Samuel R. Brown,	from March 9, 1853,	to	May 23, 1865,		5.	Death.
Ebenezer W. Peirce,	from July 8, 1854,	to	1874,		20.	Commis'n expired.
Alden Hathaway,	from Aug. 31, 1857,	to			.	
Osmond F. Braley,	from March 29, 1870,	to			.	
Don C. H. Hathaway,	from June 9, 1870,	to			.	

NOTE.—Those having the (*) before name resided in that part of Freetown now Fall River.

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Nicholas Hathaway, from 1851 to 1856. Left the County.

Ebenezer W. Peirce, from March 9, 1860, to 1874, fourteen years. Office abolished by act of the Legislature.

and disposed of, and a concise record made of the same, his court record being a model of order and method, and to the perusal of which the writer acknowledges himself indebted for a large amount of valuable information that is of singular interest to the locality, and importance in determining a multitude of circumstances and facts of which the evidence is now no where else to be found.*

Col. Weaver certainly was a very valuable man in his day and to those of his generation, and his "works do follow" him. Besides carrying on the business of a hatter, Col. Weaver also kept a country store, and for a time the hotel of the village. He was remarkable for his sobriety, strict honesty and industry, ever practising on the old adage,

"Early to bed, and early to rise,
Make a man healthy, wealthy and wise."†

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* It used to be thought by some that Col. Weaver's antipathy against the Briggs family was so strong as to warp his judgment and unduly bias his legal decisions; and Malbone Briggs did not hesitate to say so, and sometimes to express that opinion in the Colonel's hearing; and once when so doing received the reply, "You and all your boys ought to have adorned the gallows long ago."

When Josephus Briggs was for a breach of the peace brought before Col. Weaver for trial, Briggs saying he would plead guilty and tell the truth in the matter, Col. Weaver interposed, "I could not think of convicting any body, no, not even yourself, on such testimony as yours, for I have no confidence in you or your word, none whatever."

No one who, like the writer of this book, has examined Col. Weaver's court record covering a period of about thirty consecutive years, and therein discovered, as he has done, that crime courses as in a groove, ruts, well-beaten path, or channel, and that from year to year, generation to generation, century to century, is the accompaniment of the same blood and companion, yea inheritance, seemingly, of certain breeds of people, will be surprised that Col. Weaver should have entertained so low an estimate of these families in Freetown that furnished nearly all the criminals, or fail to exclaim with Cowper,

"Man is the vigorous offspring of revolt,
Stubborn and sturdy, a wild ass's colt!"

† One of the rules of his house was, that unless prevented by some extraordinary and unavoidable circumstance, the members of his family must be within doors by nine of the clock in the evening, when as certainly and irrevocably as at the marriage feast spoken of in scripture, "the door was shut."

Quite an excitement was once being felt at Assonet Village on the subject of religion, one of the churches being in the enjoyment of a remarkable *revival* or reformation, as then termed, and a revival preacher had been for a time stopping at Col. Weaver's house, enjoying the hospitalities of bed and board, and long enough to

Col. Benjamin Weaver, like his father and grandfather, was extremely fortunate in the selection of a wife, and thus were three successive generations highly favored, and from which cause did

"Blessings run
From sire to son."

Mrs. Amy Weaver, at a comparatively early age, fell a victim to consumption, and the seeds of that destroyer were transmitted to their children, two of whom fell victims, as did also several of their grandchildren.

Whether Mrs. Amy Weaver inherited that disease the writer has never learned, but is inclined to believe that she did. This is bad; but human flesh is heir to diseases of mind that are much more deplorable and more destructive to the well-being and happiness of a family, and not only destructive to human life, but equally so to human character.

Had Col. Weaver known before marriage that she whom he contemplated making his wife inherited consumption, and that if he made her the mother of his children he thus deliberately and wilfully caused this terrible disease to be a part of their inheritance, he would in my own opinion have been innocent even then to what he would have been had

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learn the rules of the establishment and to become thoroughly acquainted with the Colonel's strictly methodical habits of life.

At an evening meeting held at the house of Mr. James Phillips, the minister overstayed the time, and on trying the Colonel's door, found it fastened; but the noise of raising the latch quickly brought the old gentleman to the door, that he partially opened and looked out of, when he was accosted by the preacher with, "Col. Weaver, I am sorry to have got you up out of your bed." "Did not get me up," said the Colonel; "had not got into bed." And the minister continued: "Sister Phebe Phillips said I was entirely welcome to stop at her house all night." "And so say I, you are entirely welcome to go back there," rejoined the Colonel, as he closed the door and bolted it—so that the preacher could no longer obey the command, "And in the same house remain eating and drinking such as they give"—"Go not from house to house."

Col. Weaver had very little fellowship for evening meetings, and would sometimes remark that the service of God consisted in deeds of light and not in works of darkness; "serve God by daylight, and when it comes night you will be ready to go to bed and to rest, and prepare for another day in his service." Rather practical, certainly, however unpopular.

he taken to wife a woman descended from ancestors in whose lives and characters vice had for generations been plainly discoverable, and whose ignoble blood had

"Crept through scoundrels ever since the flood."

The writer of this genealogy and family history caused the gravestones of his grandmother, Mrs. Amy Weaver, and those of his uncle, Maj. Joseph, and aunt, Miss Amy Weaver, to be refitted a few years since, new bases of freestone provided, and the lettering on the stones in part recut, at an expense greater than the original cost of the monuments. He did not feel at liberty to remove the stones his grandfather had provided for wife and children and supply their places by new ones, but he did feel that some repairs and improvements were required to meet and counteract the invasions of the insidious tooth of resistless time. He has also procured posts of hewn stone, with which to set up a fence around the graves.

The gravestone of Col. Benjamin Weaver was erected by his daughter, Mrs. Joanna Peirce, mother of the writer. It is of black slate that it might as nearly as possible correspond with those of his wife, children and grandchildren there buried.

The mortal remains of Col. Benjamin Weaver and wives, son Gardiner Weaver and wife, Major Joseph Weaver, Miss Amy, and two daughters of Gardiner Weaver, are interred in the ancient cemetery* just within the northerly limits of Fall River; and near by in the same cemetery re-

* This cemetery is on a piece of ground that was given to the town of Freetown by Samuel Lynde, of Boston. The deed of gift set forth that it should be used for a meeting-house lot, school-house lot, training field and burial ground. A meeting-house occupied a part of the premises nearly one hundred years, a school-house for a time stood on another part, and a part long since began to be used as a cemetery, and in which, until now,

"Where heaves the turf in many a mouldering heap,
Each in his narrow cell forever laid,
The rude forefathers of the hamlet sleep."

Despite the provisions plainly set forth in the deed of gift, the town, through its Selectmen, let this lot of ground for more than half a century to be used as a pas-

pose the ashes of Col. Weaver's grandparents, Capt. Ambrose Barnaby and wife Elizabeth Gardiner, and gt. grandparents, James Barnaby and wife Joanna Harlow. The gravestones* of James Barnaby and wife contain the oldest sepulchral inscriptions that I have been able to find in Fall River. Near these is the grave of Constant Church, whose

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ture for sheep and geese, and finally it came to be used for the pasturage of horses and horned cattle.

In 1869 the town become somewhat excited about the wall of a pound that occupied a part of the premises (in violation of the provisions of the deed of gift) having been taken away, and in town meeting chose Ebenezer W. Peirce as the town's agent to learn who had appropriated the stones of the pound wall, and recover damages for the same; also to dispossess the party who was occupying the premises as a landing place for wood and lumber, and a pasture for horses and horned cattle.

On visiting the premises the writer found thereon a pile of perhaps from fifteen to twenty cords of fire-wood, also a pile of fence rails, a heap of old and broken bricks, a goose house, some boards and an ox-sled, and was told by John B. Reed, who lived near, that all these materials were his property, and he was then and there by the writer, in the name of the town of Freetown, ordered to use no longer these premises as a pasture, to remove the wood, rails, boards, broken bricks, ox-cart, sled and goose-house from the grounds, which he soon after commenced to do; but before completely accomplishing it he desisted, and in defiance of the warning to vacate the premises, turned his own cattle into the enclosure, and also one or more horses that he had taken to pasture or provide with feed.

A law suit was the only alternative, and such was instituted, and after two trials was successful—a decision being rendered in favor of the town for the value of the stone of the pound wall, thus ending the foolish pretensions of sundry conceited chimney-corner lawyers, who never practised at the bar, but delighted to prate about "*peaceable* possession," as if a man's horses and cattle, geese, lumber, wood, ox-carts, gooseries, brickbats, &c., could acquire for their owner a good and sufficient land-title to a grave yard!

"Yet e'en these bones from insult to protect,"

by some people of the town was not deemed a laudable and praiseworthy effort, and called down upon the writer's head a storm of abuse, added to which was the spiteful, mean, despicable and contemptible effort at an injury, by breaking one of the stone posts he had procured for enclosing the graves of his grand-parents.

* Doubtless these stones were very fine for the time of their erection, but with their imitations of Death's head, look odd and singular enough now.

"Their name, their years, spelt by the unlettered muse,
The place of fame and elegy supply."
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"With * * * shapeless sculpture decked,
Implores the passing tribute of a sigh."

"For who to dumb forgetfulness a prey,
This pleasing, anxious being e'er resigned;
Left the warm precincts of the cheerful day,
Nor cast one longing, lingering look behind?"

gravestone informs that he died March 9, 1727. Capt. Constant Church was a son of the renowned warrior and successful Indian hunter, Col. Benjamin Church. James Barnaby and Capt. Constant Church were second cousins. The latter commanded a company in Col. Benjamin Church's regiment in an expedition against the French and Indians, in what is now the State of Maine.

Col. Benjamin Weaver (No. 9) and wife Amy Brownell had:

(27) Gardiner, b. Oct. 24, 1784; m. Nov. 17, 1805, Betsey Douglass, of Freetown. She was born April 22, 1783; died Jan. 20, 1811. He died Jan. 14, 1810, aged 25 years, 2 months and 21 days. He was commissioned Coroner for the County of Bristol, June 16, 1807.* Was a music teacher. Assessor of Freetown. He and his wife were buried in the old town burial ground, now in Fall River, and have suitable gravestones.

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* The names of those Freetown gentlemen who received the appointment of Coroner for the county of Bristol, with the dates of their commissions and discharges, were as follows:

Capt. Constant Church, commissioned Dec. 10, 1715; died March 9, 1727. He was a son of the renowned Indian hunter, Col. Benjamin Church, and served under the latter in an eastern expedition in what is now the State of Maine.

Major Abiel Terry, commissioned in 1752. He is the same who was afterwards a Lieut.-Colonel. Probably a Coroner till Sept. 19, 1775. Justice of the Peace for Bristol County; Selectman, Assessor and Town Clerk of Freetown.

Major Joshua Hathaway, commissioned Aug. 29, 1775; discharged 1781. Was also commissioned Major of 2d Regiment of Bristol County militia, in 1775. Representative to General Court at Boston.

Lieut. Jonathan Read, commissioned March 17, 1781, and held it till his death. He was Treasurer of Freetown ten years; Selectman twelve years; Assessor one year; Auditor five years; Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety, three years. Resided in that part of Freetown now Fall River.

Gardiner Weaver, commissioned June 16, 1807; discharged by death, Jan. 14, 1810.

John Nichols, commissioned Aug. 31, 1815; resigned in 1840. He was a retail dealer of dry and West India goods, in Assonet Village, Freetown.

John T. Lawton, commissioned in 1825; discharged in 1843. Left the county.

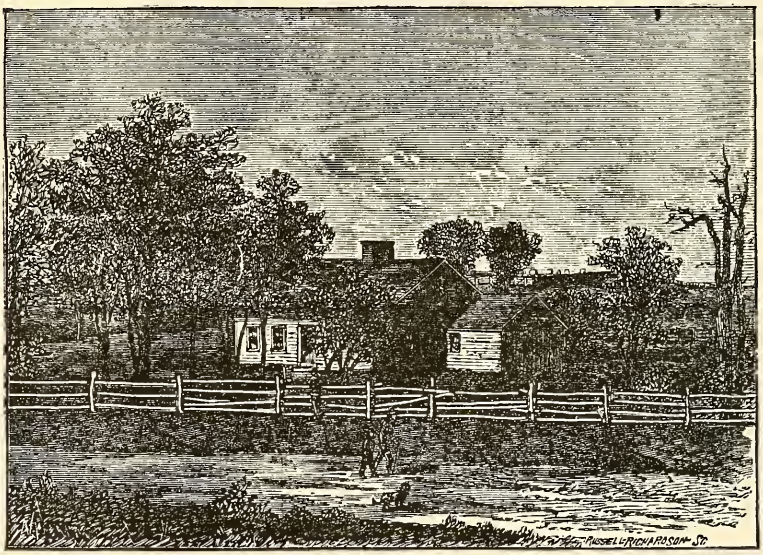
Ebenezer W. Peirce, commissioned Feb. 3, 1847, and is still in commission. In January, 1854, he was commissioned also as a Coroner for Plymouth County. The writer of this book has a complete record of all the inquests that he has ordered.

(28) Joanna, b. Monday, May 8, 1786; m. April 24, 1803, Ebenezer Peirce, Esq., of Freetown. He was born in Middleboro', now Lakeville, Mass., Thursday, May 26, 1775, and died in Freetown, Monday morning, Jan. 6, 1845. She died in Freetown, Thursday morning, Jan. 6, 1859, aged

72 years, 7 months and 28 days. They were the parents of the writer of this family history and genealogy, and it is to this circumstance, viz., that Mrs. Joanna Peirce was my mother, that the readers of this book owe the privilege they now have of perusing what is herein presented concerning the families of Barnaby, Bartlett, Brownell, Gardiner, Harlow, Pearce, Sheffield, Warren and Weaver, from all of which the writer, through her, is lineally descended; and for the love I bore her while living, and the respect that I have for her memory, now that she is dead, I have been prompted to the labor of collecting the requisite materials, and the work of presenting the same in type. From her, too, it was (as I believe) that I inherited the taste for such inquiries and the love of such research, which alone redeems the labor from being irksome and wearisome in the extreme, as well as an unrequited toil. And in this long, detailed account of twenty-one different surnames, embracing my ancestors, paternal as well as maternal, "whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever

things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report," the truth, honesty, justice, purity, loveliness, are in a very great measure owing to the fact that I had so excellent a mother. And if there be any virtue herein, if there be any praise, it is very largely due to the same source. To her and to her memory would I ascribe the honor and the praise, and ask that my readers should feel indebted as they "think on these things."

The cut on the previous page represents Mrs. Joanna Peirce when about seventy years of age. She was born in the ancient house of which a picture appears on page 350.



This cut represents the birth-place of Ebenezer Peirce, Esq. The house was taken down in 1870. It stood in Lakeville, about two and a half miles from the Four Corners Village in Middleboro', and on the westerly side of the old stage road leading from Middleboro' to New Bedford. He and his wife were buried near the chapel of the first Christian Church and Society in Assonet Village, Freetown,

and their graves are marked by a table stone of white marble, bearing inscriptions. [For further concerning them, see book entitled "Peirce Family of the Old Colony."]

(29) Joseph, b. Sept. 17, 1787; never married. He was commissioned Captain of the first company in the local militia of Freetown, June 24, 1811; promoted to Major, April 14, 1812. Commissioned a Justice of the Peace for Bristol County, Feb. 9, 1811; elected on the board of a general School Committee, at Freetown, April 14, 1814. He died Dec. 26, 1814, aged 27 years, 3months and 9 days. His remains are in the old town cemetery, now in Fall River, and his grave is marked by suitable stones bearing inscriptions.

(30) Amy, b. Oct. 7, 1793; d. Oct. 30, 1808, aged 15 years and 23 days. Buried in the old town cemetery, now within the limits of Fall River. Has suitable gravestones.

The seeds of that direful disease and fell destroyer, consumption, were doubtless by this daughter inherited from her mother, to whom that disorder had proved fatal about four years before. And that the daughter was aware of the presence of this disease in her person, the writer is led to suspect from a story told him by his mother. My mother said that her sister dreamed that when she attained to the age of fifteen years, she should die, and at that age she did die. Now to my mind the dream was a result of previous thoughts and gloomy forebodings on this subject, instead of a revelation or supernatural warning that such would be the fact, as my mind is too thoroughly divested of superstition to place the least confidence in dreams, or to admit that night visions are ever reliable evidence on which to calculate concerning future events. Again, there was discoverable in this daughter a precociousness or advance in thought, and maturity of mind, that are very certain precursors of short life and a speedy dissolution, as nature seems hastening to accomplish, in the briefest space of time, the work ordinarily allotted to numerous years.

While yet a babe in the nurse's arms, this daughter was the subject of a very singular transaction. Mr. William Ennis, then a near neighbor, was unfortunate enough to have an insane wife. This woman, as his wife, had given birth to seventeen still-born children, and though in such a great number of instances undergoing the pains of child-birth, was yet childless, and added to which almost unparalleled and quite unheard of affliction, she became the unhappy subject of insanity in one of its mildest forms. So mild and inoffensive was she that no restraint was imposed upon her liberty, and she wandered from house to house, exciting the compassion of the neighborhood, and awakening sympathy and unfeigned pity instead of fear. Calling one day at my grandfather's, she found her way into a front chamber where the nurse was sitting with this daughter, then an infant child, in her arms. As the day was fine, and the weather mild, the windows of the room had been raised, and to gratify this poor, demented woman she was, in compliance with her solicitation, permitted to take the babe in her arms, and before the nurse had time to interfere, proceeded with her charge to an open window, leaned out, and tossing the child as high as she could in the air, caught it as it came down; the nurse meanwhile standing by, but speechless with terror, not daring to interfere lest the crazy woman, if disturbed or thwarted in her insane conduct, would allow the babe to go to the ground, killing it instantly. So vigorously did she exert herself that the child was repeatedly thrown higher than the top of the upper sash of the window, and consequently out of sight of the nurse. Tiring at last with this insane exercise she ceased, and handed the child, comparatively unharmed, to the nurse, whose conduct in allowing her to proceed unmolested was doubtless the wisest thing that she under the circumstances could have done; but poor Mrs. Ennis, mild and inoffensive as she appeared, was never afterwards entrusted with the handling or tending of her

neighbors' babies, this one case proving a sufficient warning to parents and nurses, and causing careful mothers to unite with the Psalmist in the prayer, "Deliver my darling from the power of the dog" (with the addition) and from the hands of Mrs. Ennis.

Mrs. Ennis was a daughter of Mr. John Evans, of Freetown, and wife Mrs. Tisdale, widow of Ephraim Tisdale, deceased, the same who caused to be erected, owned, and for a time with his family occupied, the house where Col. Weaver resided. Mrs. Evans's maiden name was Hodges. She was buried beside her first husband in the Tisdale Cemetery, Freetown, and the inscription upon the stone that marks her grave states the fact that she was the wife of John Evans, and had formerly been the wife of Ephraim Tisdale. It was out of one of the front windows on the second floor in the ancient house depicted on page 350 of this work, that Mrs. Ennis leaned when tossing the baby as high or higher than the eaves, at the imminent risk of the child's immediate destruction.

Those little bird-boxes were then as now fastened to the front of that antiquated mansion, and were the annual resort of a colony of martins* that for successive years occupied them for rearing their broods; and the writer's mother told him that her curiosity in early childhood had often been gratified by a sight of these fledglings as held in the hand of the servant or nurse that had her in charge, and who from the chamber-window could reach with the hand into the bird-box and take the young birds from their nest.

GARDINER WEAVER (No. 27) and wife BETSEY DOUGLAS had:

(31) Benjamin, b. 180–; d.

(32) Joseph B., b. Oct. 8, 1806; m. July 28, 1830,

* These boxes were the resort of martins when the writer was a child, but from some unknown cause have for several years been abandoned by these noisy little birds.

Mercy B. Bump, of Middleboro'. He was Town Clerk of Freetown seven years ; Assessor one year ; Representative to General Court one year ; Justice of Peace twenty-three years. He died in a fit, March 23, 1868. Buried in the new cemetery near Assonet Village, and has suitable gravestones bearing inscriptions.

(33) Betsey, b. 1809 ; d. April, 1827. Her death was caused by consumption. Buried in the old town cemetery.

(34) Amy, b. March, 1810 ; died April, 1828. Her death was caused by consumption, which disease also terminated the lives of both her parents, and also her grandmother on the paternal side. Buried in the old town cemetery just within the northern bounds of Fall River. Has suitable gravestones bearing inscriptions.

EBENEZER PEIRCE, Esq.

Fourth son and eighth child of Capt. Job Peirce and wife Elizabeth Rounsevill, was born as set forth on page 369, and became the husband of Joanna, eldest daughter of Col. Benjamin Weaver. By turning to the note on page 363, it will be seen that Col. Weaver was commissioned March 17, 1805, as a Justice of the Peace for Bristol County, and on the 20th day of Feb. 1808, a like appointment was conferred upon his son-in-law, Ebenezer Peirce.

Col. Weaver served in his commission more than thirty-three years, and Ebenezer Peirce about thirty-seven years, and both received a discharge at the hand of God instead of the will of a governor. On page 363 it was noticed that Col. Weaver, in his capacity of a Justice of Peace, tried about three thousand cases, and at his death left a concise record of the same, which record has already become valuable for reference. In this connection the writer has deemed it advisable to present his readers with a part of the official record of Ebenezer Peirce, Esq., of services performed in his

capacity as a Justice of the Peace, and therefore gives a list of persons whose marriages he solemnized, from 1808 to 1844, a period of about thirty-six years.

The writer derives his authority for this record of marriages from the certificates of town clerks certifying that the banns had been published according to law, and those certificates my father filed in a package, writing on the back of each certificate the date that he solemnized the marriage. While examining his papers after his decease, I found these tied or bound together with a shred of a bandana silk handkerchief, suggestive perhaps of the "silken cord that *binds* two willing hearts." In some instances he neglected to give the date of marriage on the back of the certificate, and hence omissions appear in the record that I here present.

1808.—May 2, Josiah Brown and Miss Hope, daughter of Thomas and Phylena (Hathaway) Rounsevill, all of Freetown.

1809.—Aug. 30, Darius Wilbur and Miss Diadama, daughter of Belona and Sarah (Reed) Chase, all of Freetown.

1811.—Dec. 8, John Haskins, Jr., and Polly Harvey, both of Taunton.

Dec. 18, Noah Hathaway, of Frectown, and Charity Seekel, of Taunton.

1812.—March 15, William Dean, of Taunton, and Abby Durfee, of Troy (now Fall River).

Nov. 1, Daniel Douglas, Jr., and Miss Patience, daughter of Benjamin H. and Mary (Pagett) Lawton, all of Freetown.

1813.—Jan. 3, Thomas Freclove and Betsey Thurston, both of Troy.

Jan. 21, Samuel Richmond and Miss Huldah Clark, both of Taunton.

Feb. 25, William Seekel and Miss Mary Seekel, both of Taunton.

1814.—April 16, Abraham Caswell and Miss Eliza Chase, both of Taunton. She is a daughter of Belona and Sarah (Reed) Chase, of Frectown.

1815.—September. Willard Clark, of Taunton, and Miss Lydia Pickens, of Middleboro'.

Oct. Warden Paine and Mrs. Sarah Chase, widow of Belona Chase, and dau. of Capt. Benjamin and Sarah (Evans) Reed, all of Freetown.

Oct. 19, Samuel T. Andrews and Rachel Staples, both of Taunton.

Dec. Thomas Tripp, of Fairhaven, and Miss Phebe Paul, of Berkley.

1816.—May 2, John Seekel, Jr., of Taunton, and Miss Lucy, daughter of Benjamin and Betsey (Dunham) Grinnell, of Freetown.

June. Solomon Lothrop, of Norton, and Miss Fanny Chase, of Frectown.

June 29, Capt. Nathaniel Staples, of Taunton, and Mrs. Lydia Jenney, of Freetown, dau. of Capt. Henry and Salome (Hinds) Peirce, of Middleboro'.

1816.—July. Stephen K. Crary and Miss Amy, dau. of Benjamin H. and Mary (Pagett) Lawton, all of Freetown.

Nov. Rev. Jonathan Horton, of Freetown, and Mrs. Katurah Staples, of Taunton, dau. of ——— Goff, of Berkley.

1817.—Jan. 30, Gilbert Chase, Jr., and Miss Mary, dau. of Greenfield and Sarah (Briggs) Chase, all of Freetown.

June 3, Elkanah Parris, of Middleboro', and Miss Lurana, daughter of Joseph and Bathsheba (Simmons) Hathaway, of Freetown.

Sept. 21, Lemuel Robbins, of Middleboro', and Miss Orinda Crapo, of Dartmouth.

Sept. 21, James Staples, of Taunton, and Miss Abigail Robbins, of Middleboro'.

Oct. 26, King Dean and Miss Betsey, dau. of Benjamin H. and Mary (Pagett) Lawton, all of Freetown.

Nov. George Pickens and Miss Ruth, daughter of John and Rosamond (Hathaway) Reed, all of Freetown.

Dec. Augustus D. Dorrance and Miss Sarah Marble, both of Freetown.

Dec. 27, Morrill Hathaway and Miss Sybil Peirce, both of Freetown.

1818.—Jan Ephraim Goff and Miss Esther Briggs, both of Berkley. She is a daughter of Joseph Briggs.

James T. Baker, of Middleboro', and Miss Abigail Peirce, of Freetown.

Col. Harvey Harnden and Miss Harriet, dau. of Simeon and Elizabeth (Reed) Burr, all of Freetown.

Nov. John V. Pratt and Miss Molancy, dau. of Samuel and Lydia (Cole) Pickens, all of Freetown.

Capt. Daniel Edson and Miss Mary White, of Freetown.

Gilbert Rounsevill, of Freetown, and Miss Salome Booth, of Middleboro', daughter of Abiel Booth.

1819.—Jan. Silas Sweet, Jr., of Bradford, Orange Co., Vt., and Mary White, of Freetown.

March 18, Calvin Borden and Mrs. Sarah Hathaway, of Freetown.

May. Moses Andrews and Mrs. Sarah Vaughan, both of Taunton.

1820.—March 12, Otis Read, of Dighton, and Miss Rosamond Chase, daughter of Sarah Chase, of Freetown.

June 18, Francis Briggs and Miss Sally Hathaway, both of Freetown.

July. Mason Tabor, of Fairhaven, and Miss Abigail White, of Freetown.

Oct. 2, Henry Briggs and Miss Pamelia, dau. of Augustus and Olive Chase, all of Freetown.

Oct. 22, Joseph W. Warner, of Cranston, R. I., and Miss Charlotte, daughter of Philip and Polly (Reed) Chase, of Freetown.

Avery Hathaway and Rebecca Clark, both of Freetown. She is a dau. of Amos and Rebecca (Cleveland) Clark.

1821.—Jan. 30, Peleg Hathaway and Miss Cynthia Tew, both of Freetown.

April 21, Elisha Chase, alias Jucket, of Tiverton, R. I., and Miss Susannah Chamberlain, of Freetown.

March 6, Jesse Chase and Miss Reliance, daughter of Philip and Lucy (Chase) Winslow, all of Freetown.

1821.—Oct. 11, Thomas Clark and Mrs. Olive Barrows, wid. of Zepheniah Barrows, and d. of Greenfield and Sarah (Briggs) Chase, all of Freetown.

Nov. 29, James Clark and Mrs. Fanny Barrows, widow of Alfred Barrows, and daughter of Greenfield and Sarah (Briggs) Chase.

Dec. 6, Amaziah Downing and Miss Louisa, daughter of Asa and Hope (Downing) Clark, all of Freetown.

Dec. 27, George Pierce, of Berkley, and Melinthea, daughter of Benj. and Hannah (Clark) Chase.

1822.—Jan. 3, Preserved M. Spooner, of Fairhaven, and Miss Chloe Douglas, of Freetown, daughter of David and Nioba (Haskins) Douglas.

May 19, Samuel Pierce, of Berkley, and Miss Ruth, dau. of Ensign Silas and Polly (Valentine) Hathaway, of Freetown.

July. Charles C. Wrightington, of Fall River, and Miss Mary, dau. of Gilbert and Chartley (Peirce) Chase, of Freetown.

Dec. 5, Capt. Noble Canady, Jr., and Hepzibah Clark, both of Taunton.

1823.—Jan. 26, Joshua Simmons, of Vienna, N. Y., and Miss Mary Harris, of Freetown.

April, John T. Lawton, of Portsmouth, R. I., and Miss Nabby, daughter of Ambrose Cleveland, of Freetown.

June 19, John Peirce, of Middleborough, and Miss Bathsheba, dau. of Avery and Bathsheba (Hathaway) Winslow, of Berkley.

July 10, Jeremiah H. Cowin and Miss Elizabeth Hathaway, both of Freetown. She was a daughter of John and Rebecca (Wilkinson) Hathaway, of Freetown.

Nov. 19, Alanson Cummins and Miss Mary, dau. of Asa and Ruth (Paine) Clark, all of Freetown.

Dec. 4, Abraham Paine, Jr., and Miss Susannah, dau. of John and Rebecca (Wilkinson) Hathaway, of Freetown.

March 4, George Pierce, of Berkley, and Miss Betsey Hathaway, of Freetown, dau. of Malbone and Nancy (Marble) Hathaway.

1824.—May 9, Nathan Hardon and Miss Abigail Boomer, both of Troy (now Fall River).

Wm. R. P. Hathaway, of Freetown, and Miss Louisa W., daughter of Abraham Pearce, of Taunton.

Oct. 3, George Dean and Lois, daughter of Henry and Susannah (Peirce) Hathaway, all of Freetown.

Nov. 20, Jonathan Hiller and Mrs. Rebecca Allen, both of Freetown.

Dec. 2, Simeon Pierce, Jr., and Sarah Evans, both of Freetown.

Dec. 23, George Durfee, of N. Providence, R. I., and Miss Polly Briggs, of Freetown..

Dec. 28, Ensign Seth Howland and Miss Phylena Haskins, both of Freetown.

1825.—Jan. 2, Henry Thresher, of Middleborough, and Miss Sybil, daughter of John and Phebe (Briggs) Cudworth.

March 24, Lot Strange, 2d, of Freetown, and Miss Roxanna Macomber, of Taunton, daughter of Rufus Macomber.

1825. Mareh 27, John Cowen and Mrs. Polly Chase, both of Freetown.
June 9, Henry Briggs and Miss Harriet, daughter of Augustus and Olive Chase, of Freetown.
July 7, Benjamin Porter, Jr. and Miss Jane, daughter of Allen and Sarah Chase, of Freetown.
Aug. 28, Pyam Jacob and Miss Clarissa, daughter of Esq. Washington and Deborah (Winslow) Hathaway, of Freetown.
Oct. 13, Rufus Blossom, of Troy, now Fall River, and Mrs. Betsey, widow of Solomon Paine, of Freetown.
Nov. Peirce Phillips, of Freetown, and Miss Anna Wardell, of Westport.
1826.—Feb. 20, Henry Doggett, of Seekonk, and Miss Belinda Webster, of Freetown.
Feb. 20, Henry Hathaway and Polly, widow of Philip Chase, of Freetown.
March 6, Avery Winslow, Jr., and Miss Maria Strange, both of Berkley.
April 16, Henry Briggs, of Middleborough, and Miss Louisa C., dau. of Malbone and Meribah (Chase) Briggs, of Freetown.
July 6, Henry Boucher, transient person, and Mrs. Olive, widow of Thomas Clark, of Freetown, dau. of Greenfield Chase.
Oct. 5, Richmond Haskins and Miss Nancy Wade, both of Taunton.
October, Joseph W. Babbitt and Miss Maria Slade, both of Troy (now Fall River).
November, George Hammond and Althea Chase, of Freetown.
Nov. 19, Roland Gavin, of Berkley, and Miss Lucy Peirce, of Taunton.
Nov. 30, Nathaniel W. Warner, of Warwick, R. I., and Miss Alice K. Hathaway, of Berkley.
1827.—May, Timothy Carpenter and Miss Eliza Dunbar, both of Troy (now Fall River).
Oct. 7, Oliver Peirce, Esq., of Middleborough, and Miss Polly, daughter of Stephen and Hopestill (Peirce) Hathaway, of Taunton.
1828.—Feb. 24, Benj. D. Philemon and Miss Rhoda Young, both of Troy (now Fall River).
Mareh 10, James De Moranville and Miss Hannah Lueas, both of Freetown.
1829.—May 10, Noah H. Evans and Miss Almira, daughter of Capt. Seth and Abigail (Ashley) Howland, of Freetown.
1830.—Jan. 29, Durfee Cook, of Tiverton, R. I., and Miss Eliza Smith, of Troy, Mass.
Feb. 11, Israel C. Hathaway and Miss Amy, daughter of Capt. Wm. Pratt, all of Freetown.
June 2, Francis Macomber and Mary Hathaway, both of Taunton.
Aug. 5, Joseph T. Seaver, of Raynham, and Miss Betsey N. Davis, of Taunton.
1831.—May 17, Peirce Staples and Mrs. Lavina Westcott, both of Berkley.
May 24, Capt. Horatio N. Gunn, of Troy, and Miss Eliza, daughter of James L. and Sarah (Porter) Valentine, of Freetown.
1832.—Dec. 10, Enoch Macomber and Matilda Norcut, both of Berkley.
1833.—Feb. 14, James Pieree and Huldah Seekel, both of Taunton.

1834.—Jan. 12, Frederick Winslow, Jr., and Miss Lydia, daughter of Elijah Peirce, all of Troy, Mass.

1834.—April 20, Henry Hathaway and Mrs. Charlotte Cheney, daughter of Capt. Benjamin and Sarah (Evans) Reed, all of Freetown.

1835.—Oct. 15, Tisdale Briggs and Mrs. Sarah Perkins, widow of David Perkins and daughter of Abraham and Abigail (Winslow) Paine, all of Freetown.

1837.—April 24, John Bayley, of Pawtucket, and Miss Clarissa B., daughter of Allen and Sarah Chase, all of Freetown.

April 30, Daniel H. Westcott and Miss Hannah Norcut, both of Berkley.

Oct. 12, Robert P. Strobridge, of Middleborough, and Miss Ruth, dau. of Joseph and Ruth (Burr) Staples, of Freetown.

Nov. 19, Alvan Briggs and Phylena Phillips, of Berkley.

1839.—Sept. 8, Charles Jones and Hannah Franklin, of Freetown.

Oct. 13, Dean P. Westcott and Miss Mary A. Phillips, of Berkley.

Nov. 28, James Hathaway, of Berkley, and Miss Sophronia Thresher, of Taunton.

1840.—Feb. 23, Jason Hathaway and Mary Phillips, both of Freetown.

Sept. 8, James C. Taber, of New Bedford, and Miss Deborah S., dau. of Guilford and Elizabeth (Howland) Evans, of Freetown.

1841.—Jan. 3d, Wm. Wyatt, of Bristol, R. I., and Miss Prudence, daughter of Abraham and Abigail (Winslow) Paine, of Freetown.

April, Henry M. Chase, of Freetown, and Miss Hannah, dau. of Abraham and Hannah (Thurston) Wardell, of Fall River.

1842.—Sept. 4, Lindley M. Cobb and Miss Caroline, daughter of James and Chartley (Chase) Burr, all of Freetown.

1844.—Sept. 19, Lorenzo Lawton and Miss Jane, daughter of Joseph and Phebe (Howland) Evans, all of Freetown.

In this list of one hundred and fourteen marriages, or joining in wedlock of two hundred and twenty-eight persons, I have yet to learn that a single marriage was marred by or resulted in a divorce; and yet these men were born of women, and as a part of their inheritance were legitimate heirs to "few years," and those "full of trouble." But the wives were *women*, such as God made to be "an help-mete" to man, and not the present article manufactured in female colleges under the exquisitely polite name of "highly educated ladies," overflowing with pretension, but barren in every thing practical, fitted only to pursuits of empty, airy nothingness, versed in German, French, Hebrew and Greek, but knowing nothing of the mystery of making or baking a johnny-cake—with hearts that run out after the heathen of foreign lands,

but having no sympathy for the suffering of their own household. Oh no; to care for husband, or even children, is not *fashionable* but most decidedly *vulgar*, and besides, it formed no part of their "*education.*"

Those old fashioned, plodding, contented wives were not *educated*, and *every thing* in female attire *then* was *not* as *now*, a *lady*. Ye who "have a name to live and are dead," and are consoled with thinking yourselves rich and increased with goods, having need of nothing, know not that ye are "wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked;" in fact practically fools when compared with those "ancient and honorable" women who served God in their *proper* calling. Do not pity their ignorance, for it was bliss.

Let the American women of to-day, whose "each vacuity of sense is filled with pride," look not with pity on our mothers and grandmothers of former days, as the time is coming when the memories of these shall be blessed, while the *he*-women, *unsexed* females and Flora McFlimsys of this day and their memories will be regarded with horror.

EBENEZER PEIRCE, Esq., and wife JOANNA WEAVER (No. 28) had:

(35) Ebenezer W., b. April 5, 1822. He is the writer of this genealogy and family history.

This cut is from a photograph of Ebenezer W. Peirce, taken in 1872. The photograph was considered very life-like and true, but the cut is not generally thought to be so much so. The same was the case with his likeness engraved in 1870 for the book entitled, "Peirce Family of the Old Colony," and also that engraved for Mr. Lossing's history of the late war. This of the three is considered the best. Thus have three attempts to obtain a true likeness proved at least partial failures in the hands of engravers, and in each instance very good photographs were furnished those artists from which to copy.

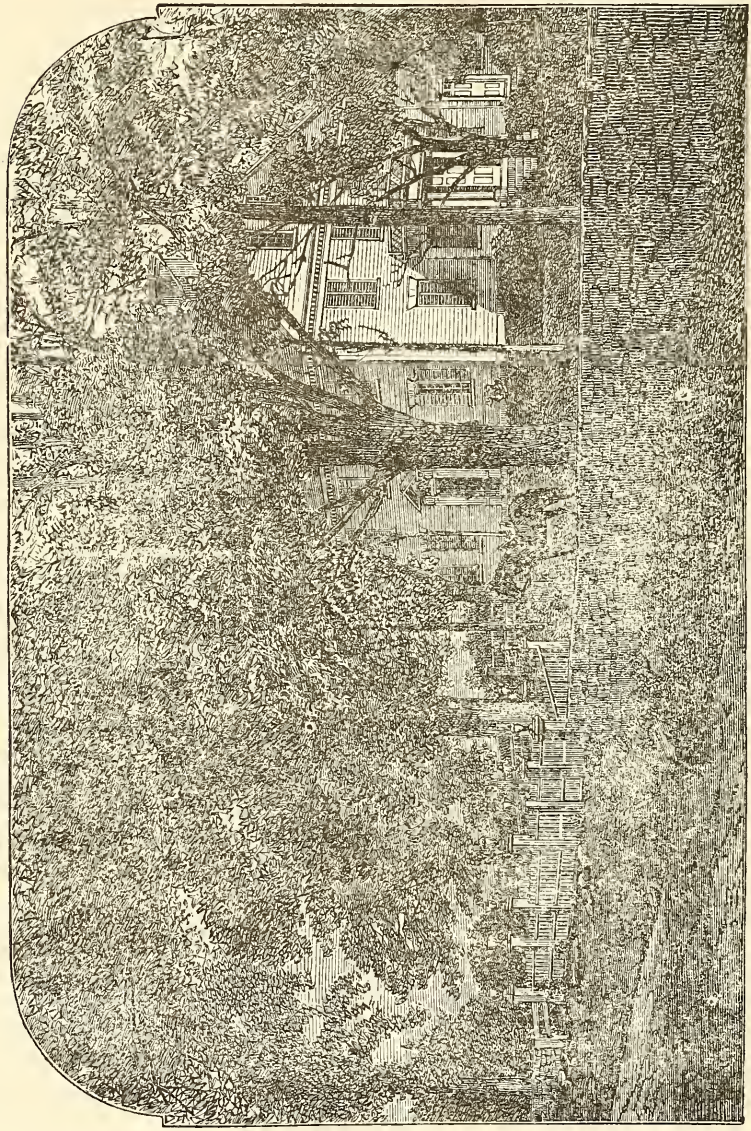
The cut on the following page represents a south-westerly view of the writer's birth-place, situate on the easterly side of South Main Street, in Assonet Village, Freetown, Mass. The house was first owned and occupied by Capt. Job Peirce, Jr., an uncle of the writer, and was erected in or near 1796, or about seventy-eight years since. The antique fence, though constructed of wood, is about as old as the house. The large trees noticeable in the picture were set some time during the week in which the writer was born.

A few years after the death of Captain Job Peirce, Jr., which occurred Sept. 22, 1805, the northerly half of this house was sold to his brother Ebenezer Peirce, Esq., and by him occupied until his death, Jan. 6, 1845. Here, too, Mrs. Joanna Peirce (the writer's mother) died Jan. 6, 1859.

The southerly half of the house was sold to Hon. Hercules Cushman, who occupied it until 1828, when he sold to Elnathan P. Hathaway, Esq., who in turn conveyed the property, in 1835, to Mr. James Burr, who sold to the writer in April, 1864. The notherly half descended to me as an inheritance at the death of my father.

It was here that the days of my childhood were passed and the years of my youth were spent, and until I "began

to be about thirty years of age," when I removed to the farm in Middleboro',* where my father was born, and there resided



Birth Place of Ebenezer W. Peirce.

* I there resided in the house my father built on that farm. It was put up and the outside finished in 1818; not completed inside until several years after. Destroyed by fire, Nov. 1856.

three years. Returning to Assonet in the spring of 1854, I lived three years in the house where my mother was born (see picture on page 350), and in 1857 returned to my birthplace.

The horse * is that on which the writer rode in the late War of the Rebellion, with the same saddle and bridle then used. [For a more extended notice of Ebenezer W. Peirce, see "Peirce Family of the Old Colony."]

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* The horse that the writer rode nearly three years in the late war of the great Rebellion. This horse was raised in the most northerly part of the State of New York, or in Canada, and brought to Massachusetts in 1862, and in January of that year was by me purchased and taken per steam-boats and cars to Newport News in Virginia.

March 8, 1862, when that camp was attacked and the frigates Congress and Cumberland were destroyed by the confederate iron-clad Merrimack, this horse was for the first time under fire. May 10, 1862, was ridden to Fortress Monroe, and from thence per steamer taken to Willoughby Point in Virginia, where arriving in the night time, in the attempt at a landing, the horse fell between two vessels and was thought to have been destroyed, but succeeded in getting on shore comparatively unharmed. Went from thence to Norfolk, and ere long to Suffolk, and returning to Norfolk was taken per steamer to the White-House Landing, and ridden to Chickihominy Swamp, arriving on the 9th of June, 1872. Here, "in the midst of alarms," I was kept constantly in the saddle, and was in the battle of Gaines Hill, on the afternoon of June 27, 1862, where the Lieutenant of the Color Co. of Mass. 29th Reg't was slain by a cannon ball that struck him in the head when standing near enough to the horse to touch it with his hand. Was ridden during the succeeding days of the "seven days battle" before Richmond, until about noon of the sixth day, when the writer's right arm was torn off near the shoulder by a cannon ball, and a horse standing near lost both hind legs from the bursting of a shell. This horse was then sent to Massachusetts, and in October sent back to the army on Bolivar Heights near Harper's Ferry, in Virginia. Accompanied the army on the march to Falmouth, and was again sent back to Massachusetts, where it remained until March, 1863, when for the third time it was taken to Virginia, joining the army at Newport News. Next per steamer to Baltimore, Md., and per rail to Parkersburg, Va., and down the Ohio on steamer to Cincinnati, and per cars to Paris, the shire of Bourbon County, Ky. Here remained until Sept. 1, 1862, when commenced the movement to East Tennessee, and this horse was ridden from Paris, Ky., to Knoxville, Tenn., and remained in that state, undergoing the hardships of Burnside's starvation campaign until March, 1864, when he was ridden to Paris, and from thence per cars carried to Boston, Mass. Remaining in Massachusetts one month, was for the fourth time transported to Virginia, joining the army at Bell Plain. Remained with the army in its operations at Cold Harbor and in front of Petersburg until Nov. 1864, when he was taken from City Point to Washington per steamer, ridden from that city to Elizabethport, N. J., and from thence per steamer to Newport, R. I., and from thence ridden to Freetown, Mass., where "the horse and his rider" arrived on Thanksgiving Day; since which time his labors have been those of peace in-

MAJ. JOSEPH WEAVER (No. 29),

Second son and third child of Col. Benjamin Weaver (No. 9) and wife Amy Brownell, was born in the ancient house, near Assonet Four Corners, in Freetown, Sept. 17, 1787, and tradition says was a very fine-looking man, good form, with regular agreeable features, added to which his address, conduct, mind and manners, resulting in part at least from a kind heart and noble, generous disposition, made him exceedingly popular, and as one of the illustrations of which I will cite a single circumstance.

Just before the declaration of war between the United States and Great Britain, that war sometimes called the "war of 1812," Capt. Ambrose Barnaby (a cousin of Maj. Weaver) resigned his commission of Captain in the first company of the local militia of Freetown. That company embraced all persons liable to perform military duty whose places of residence were within the bounds of old or West Freetown, or something over one hundred persons, and to be Captain of this company at that time was deemed an

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stead of war. When in East Tennessee in the winter of 1863–4, he was so starved that when the happy change came of having something to eat, the hair in spots all over his body came off, leaving the flesh entirely bare. More than a hundred such spots could have been counted at one and the same time on the animal's body. For several weeks this horse's allowance was six ears of corn per day, and no grass, hay or fodder whatever; and during this time I had been on a march all day with nothing to eat. Night was coming on, and hunger at last tempted me to make inroads on the scanty allowance of my tried and faithful servant and companion in dangers and sorrows, and taking one ear of his corn, parched it, and sitting on the ground by his side, eat what I had taken, while he gnawed his from the cobs of the remaining five ears.

While discussing that frugal meal I formed a resolution, repeated it to myself and also to the poor, tired and half-starved horse, a resolution that, after ten years, I have never rescinded, nor do I expect to, and it was this: That as Saul and Jonathan, who in the most trying scenes of life were united, so like them in death myself and horse would not be divided; that should we survive the war and live to enjoy the blessings of peace, this patient steed, tried and true, should live with me, die with me, and find a grave with the rich in affection and proper appreciation at the feet of the father I honored and the mother I dearly loved, while my own remains should find a lodgment at his side.

honor equal to any in the gift of the people of the town, and consequently eagerly sought after. Capt. Barnaby had commanded the company since Aug. 5, 1807, with Thomas Burbank as Lieutenant and John Terry as Ensign.

At an election to fill the vacancy of Captain, caused by the resignation of Capt. Barnaby, and held June 24, 1811, Joseph Weaver was taken from the ranks, and by a majority of the legal voters of the company, elected Captain, thus superseding Lieut. Thomas Burbank, and also overstepping the Ensign, John Terry.

As was usual in such cases, the friends of the superseded officer caused a delay in the issue of a commission to Weaver by endeavoring to show some illegality in the proceedings, in the hope that a new election would be ordered. In this they were so far successful as to prevent the issue of his commission until after the muster, and as a consequence, during the military operations of that season, keeping the company under the command of Lieut. Burbank, and forcing the Captain elect to perform duty in the ranks. But the election, after proper investigation, being by the Governor decided to be legal, Joseph Weaver received his commission of Captain of the first company in the local militia of Freetown, and taking rank from date of election.

April 14, 1812, was the time set for the choice of a Major of the regiment to which this first company in Freetown belonged, and Captain Weaver was next to the youngest Captain in rank, and the only one who had never acted in the capacity of a commissioned officer at all; yet such was his personal popularity that he was promoted to the office of Major of the regiment, and as a result of one of the hottest contests then known in that section of country.

Lynde Hathaway succeeded Joseph Weaver as Captain, June 29, 1812, and commanded the company until Aug. 10, 1818, when he was promoted to Major, and Henry Porter made Captain under date of Sept. 4, 1818.

This was in the 4th Regiment, in 2d Brigade of 16th Division* Mass. Militia.

The fourth regiment was at that date a new organization, and Joseph Weaver was its first or earliest junior Major. A Lieut.-Colonel Commandant and a senior Major were elected at the same time with himself.

This regiment was made up of companies that had formerly constituted parts of the first, second and third regiments of the second brigade in the fifth division in the Massachusetts militia. [See records in Adjutant General's office.]

Nathan Willis, Esq., of Rochester, was commissioned Major-General of this 16th Division, and Marcus Morton, of Taunton, Judge Advocate. [See Roster at State-House.]

The 2d Brigade in the 16th Division consisted of four regiments.

The names of Field Officers and Adjutants of these four regiments, together with the dates of their commissions, were as follows:

First Regiment.†

Benjamin Lincoln, of New Bedford, Lieut.-Colonel Commandant, June 2, 1807. Promoted to Brig.-General, May 15, 1815, and to Major-General June 4, 1819.

Edward Pope, Jr., of New Bedford, 1st Major, June 8, 1812. Promoted to Lieut.-Colonel Commandant, July 3, 1815. His father had been commissioned Colonel of this regiment in Feb. 1776.

Thomas F. Terry, of N. Bedford, 2d Major, June 8, 1812.

Elisha Toby, of New Bedford, Adjutant, March 17, 1811.

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* That there should have been so large a number of Divisions was because Massachusetts at that time also embraced what is now the State of Maine.

† The 1st regiment consisted of the companies of local militia then existing within the limits of the present towns of Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Westport, and nearly all of Acushnet; also the city of New Bedford. [See Roster in Adjutant General's Office, State House, Boston.]

SECOND REGIMENT.*

Abiel Washburn, of Middleboro', Lieut.-Colonel Commandant, July 22, 1800. Promoted to Brig.-General, Sept. 4, 1816.

Levi Peirce, of Middleboro,' 1st Major, 1812. He served as Major of the Coast Guard, stationed at or near New Bedford in June, 1814; was distinguished for his benevolence.

Vacancy in office of 2d Major.

Cyrus Keith, of Middleboro', Adjutant, Sept. 6, 1810.

THIRD REGIMENT.†

Noah Dexter, of Rochester, Lieut.-Colonel Commandant, April 20, 1812. Had been 1st Major of 2d Regiment.

Benjamin Ellis, of Carver, 1st Major, April 20, 1812.

William Barrows, of Wareham, 2d Major, April 20, 1812.

Asa Barrows, of Middleboro', Adjutant, May, 1812.

FOURTH REGIMENT.

Joseph E. Read, of Troy (now Fall River), Lieut.-Colonel Commandant, April 14, 1812. Had been 1st Major of 1st Regiment.

Abraham Briggs, of Dighton, 1st Major, April 14, 1812.

Joseph Weaver, of Freetown, 2d Major, April 14, 1812.

The 4th Regiment consisted of the company in Somerset,

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* Middleboro' at that date had nine companies, eight of which constituted the 2d regiment, and these were commanded as follows:

Captains' names, with dates of commissions:—Nathaniel Wilder, Jr., April 6, 1802; Azel Thomas, May 5, 1808; Samuel White, May 5, 1808; Joseph Cushman, 2d, May 1, 1810; Ebenezer Pickens (Pond Co., now within the limits of Lakeville), Sept. 21, 1810; Ephraim Ward, March 18, 1811; Sylvanus Parris (Beech Woods Co.), March 20, 1811; Joseph Le Baron, May 21, 1811. The South Middleboro' company belonged to the 3d regiment.

† The 3d regiment consisted of the two companies in Wareham, four companies in Rochester, the company in South Carver, and the company in South Middleboro'.

Captains' names:—Abraham Gibbs, of Wareham, commissioned June 2, 1806; Joseph Whitridge, of Rochester, Aug. 20, 1806; David B. Loring, of Rochester, Dec. 23, 1807; Benjamin Dexter, of Rochester, Jan. 2, 1808; Gaius Shaw, of South Middleboro', May 3, 1808; Micah H. Ruggles, of Rochester, June 11, 1810; Israel Fearing, Jr., of Wareham; Bartlett Murdock, of Carver.

the two companies in Berkley, the company in Troy (now Fall River), the three companies in Dighton, and the two companies in Freetown — of which nine companies the commissioned officers were as follows:

Somerset Company.*

John Hood, Captain, from Nov. 5, 1808; John Cartwright, Lieutenant, from Nov. 5, 1808; Hanan Wilbur, Ensign, from Nov. 5, 1808.

Fall River Company (then Troy).†

Hezekiah Wilson, Captain, from Jan. 9, 1809; Thomas Durfee, Lieutenant, Sept. 2, 1807; Thomas Bowen, Jr., Ensign, from April 10, 1809.

Berkley Company (Common).‡

Giles G. Chase, Captain, from Sept. 27, 1809; Levi French, Lieutenant, from June 19, 1810.

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* Names of Captains of Somerset Company and dates of commissions:—Samuel Read, Sept. 17, 1794; James Wilbur, May 17, 1799; Samuel Bourne, May 4, 1802 (promoted to Major, April 23, 1808; Lt.-Colonel Commandant, March 29, 1810); John Hood, Nov. 5, 1808, to Dec. 27, 1817; Hanan Wilbur, June 29, 1818, to 1820; Elisha Slade, Jr., from April 28, 1820, to Sept. 28, 1821 (promoted to Major), subsequently became a Baptist minister; Stephen Brayton, May 7, 1822, to March 20, 1826; Wheaton Luther, Sept. 9, 1826; John D. Cartwright, Sept. 2, 1831; Bradford Buffinton, from 1832 to 1837.

† This was the second company in Freetown until 1803, when a part of that town was set off and made a new town, being called Fall River. For a list of the names of Captains from 1755 to 1803, see note on page 332.

Names of Captains of Fall River company from 1803 to April 24, 1840:—Benjamin Brayton, frm 1797 to Sept. 19, 1803; Robert Miller, from March 8, 1804; Hezekiah Wilson, Jan. 9, 1809, to Jan. 28, 1815; Job Terry, Jr., April 22, 1815, to Aug. 30, 1823 (master of a whale-ship at the same time); John Hathaway, Nov. 22, 1823, to March, 1829, afterwards a merchant in Wilmington, N. C.; Luther Winslow, 2d, July 16, 1829, to April 28, 1832; William Winslow, Aug. 15, 1832—company appeared in uniform dress, blue coats and white pantaloons—promoted to Lieut.-Colonel, July 22, 1835; Holder Wardell, Nov. 28, 1835, to April 24, 1840.

‡ For list of the names of Captains of this company and dates of their commissions, from 1762 to April 24, 1840, see note at the bottom of page 212.

BERKLEY COMPANY (Bridge).*

Dean Babbitt, Captain; Gardiner Winslow, Lieutenant; Barzilla Crane, Ensign. All commissioned March 19, 1810.

DIGHTON COMPANY.†

Ezekiel Francis, Captain, from April 21, 1810; Peter Paul, Lieutenant, from Aug. 18, 1810; Shubael Goff, Jr., Ensign, from Aug. 18, 1810.

DIGHTON COMPANY.‡

Simeon Talbot, Captain; Ebenezer Talbot, Lieutenant; Jonathan Mason, Ensign. All commissioned May 19, 1810.

FREETOWN COMPANY (East).§

Simeon Ashley, Captain, from Feb. 4, 1812; Oliver Gurney, Lieutenant, from Sept. 30, 1807; Samuel Macomber, Ensign, from Sept. 30, 1807.

DIGHTON COMPANY (North).‖

Hezekiah Anthony, Captain; Crocker Babbitt, Lieuten-

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* Captains' names and dates of commissions from Nov. 13, 1795, to April 12, 1828, are given in a note at the bottom of page 212.

† Captains:—Richard Westcott, May 6, 1806, to Feb. 27, 1810; Ezekiel Francis, April 21, 1810; Peter Paul, July 6, 1814, cashiered by Court Martial, 1819; Shubael Goff, Nov. 20, 1819.

‡ Captains:—Nathaniel Jones, April 28, 1804; James Spooner, April 3, 1807; Simeon Talbot, May 19, 1810; Ebenezer Talbot, July 2, 1814; Darius Perry, June 24, 1817, promoted to Lieut.-Colonel, Aug. 10, 1818; Matthew Briggs, Jr., Oct. 30, 1818; Chas. Whitmarsh, May 7, 1822, promoted to Major, 1823; Thomas D. Wardell, Aug. 16, 1823, to April 23, 1825; Henry Briggs, Aug. 20, 1825, to Feb. 14, 1827; John Chase, May 19, 1827, promoted to Major, March 8, 1828; Peirce Sherman, June 7, 1828, to disbandment.

§ See names of Captains and dates of their commissions from 1751 to April 24, 1840, in a note on page 254. Also see roll of that company on duty commenced June 18, 1814, as part of Coast Guard, page 262.

‖ Captains:—Francis Baylies, May 7, 1805, to Jan. 25, 1810—Old Colony historian and M. C.; Abraham Briggs, March 31, 1810, to April 14, 1812, promoted to Major of 4th regiment, 2d brigade, 16th division; Hezekiah Anthony, June 11, 1812.

A company of Light Infantry for a time existed in Dighton; uniform, blue dress coats with bell buttons, white pantaloons, bell-topped leather caps, and long black plumes. Captains:—Henry Bowen, from Sept. 23, 1822; John Crane, Aug. 19,

ant; George Wilkinson, Ensign. All commissioned, June 11, 1812.

FREETOWN COMPANY (Assonet).*

Lynde Hathaway, Captain, from June 29, 1812; Thomas Burbank, Lieutenant, from Aug. 5, 1807; John Terry, Ensign, from Aug. 5, 1807.

Some idea of the relative numbers in the population of these towns at that date can thus be arrived at, as Dighton had three companies, Berkley two, Freetown two, Somerset and Troy (now Fall River) only one each. Military duty was then required (with a few exceptions) from all able-bodied white male citizens between the ages of 18 and 45 years; and these at that date seem to have been three times more numerous in Dighton than in Fall River. And Freetown and even Berkley had double the number of Fall River.

Major Weaver, as already noticed on page 357 of this work, was elected by the town to have a general superintendence of the public schools. The present office of school

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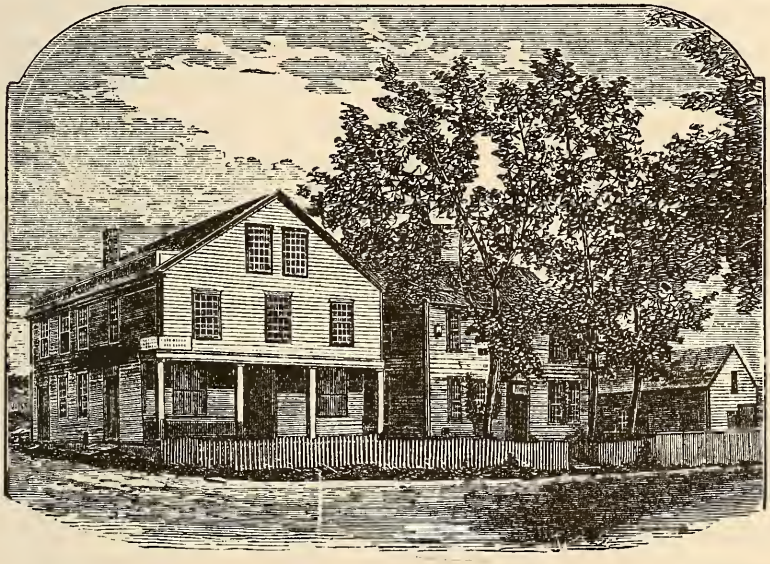
1826; Leonard Goodwin, from Feb. 11, 1828, to Feb. 24, 1832; William Walker, April 7, 1832; George W. B. Atwood, from May 7, 1833, to disbandment of company in or about 1842. From 1823 to 1834 was a flank company to 3d regiment in 2d brigade, 5th division. From 1834 was made to constitute a part of the Bristol Co. battalion of light infantry and riflemen. These companies were "Mansfield Cadets," Capt. Skinner, (a Lt. Inf. Co.); Wellington Light Infantry of Dighton, Capt. G. W. B. Atwood; Fall River Riflemen, Capt. Woodman; Mechanic Riflemen of New Bedford, Capt. Jeremiah G. Harris; and Cohanet Riflemen of Taunton, Capt. Barney. The uniform of the Mansfield company was green dress-coats and green pantaloons; Fall River company, blue dress-coats and blue pantaloons; New Bedford company, gray frock coats and gray pantaloons; and the Taunton company, green dress coats and buff pantaloons.

When fourteen years of age, the writer, as a spectatar, attended a muster of this battalion on a field near Trescott Street in Taunton, and made a drawing of the troops as there presented in line, by which means he was enabled to keep in mind the appearance of that force, with the particulars of their "pride, pomp and circumstance," even to the distinctive features of each company's uniform.

* A note on page 121 gives the names of the commanders of the company from June 4, 1686, to April 24, 1840, one hundred and fifty-four years. See also note on pages 348 and 349, giving the names of those members of the company who performed a tour of duty in Rhode Island, commencing July 27, 1780.

committee did not then exist, and more judgment, discretion and practical common sense were required than now, when the duties of school committees are so clearly defined by statute law.

Feb. 9, 1811, Major Joseph Weaver was commissioned by Gov. Elbridge Gerry as a Justice of the Peace for the county of Bristol, for the term of seven years, and was therefore still in commission at the date of his decease, Dec. 26, 1814. The appointment of Justice of the Peace was then by no means so cheap an honor as now, and few men of Major Weaver's years then attained to the position.



In 1809, Major Joseph Weaver formed a partnership in trade with Ebenezer Peirce, Esq., the husband of his sister Joanna, and in 1814 this firm of "Peirce & Weaver" erected the large store building, still standing, at Assonet Four Corners in Freetown, and generally known as the "Old Post Office." They were carrying on business in this store when Major Weaver died, thus breaking up the firm. The senior member subsequently entered into a partnership with another person, and continued trade in the same place.

George Pickens, the new partner, held the office of postmaster, and the post office being for several years kept in the building, it still retains the name of "Old Post Office," although no post office has been kept there since 1841, or about thirty-three years.*

This cut represents a southerly view of the "old Post-Office," so called, and the ancient house at the Four Corners in Assonet Village, Freetown, Bristol County, Mass.

The house was erected in or about 1744, or one hundred and thirty years since, and has already in the preceding pages been sufficiently described. For easterly view of this ancient house, see cut on page 350. The old Post-Office, so called, was erected in 1814, and stands on the north-east corner at the junction of North Main and Elm Streets. This view is from South Main Street, or as seen when entering Assonet Village from the direction of Fall River. These buildings occupy historic, yea, classic ground, standing on the identical spot assigned for the mustering of the Plymouth-Colony forces preparatory to setting out on an expedition against Awashonks, squaw Sachem of the Saconet Indians, several years before the commencement of King Philip's war, more than two hundred years ago. Major Josiah Winslow, afterwards General and Governor, was appointed to command the expedition.† Awashonks was the Indian Queen, whom Capt. Benjamin Church, in his interesting history of many passages concerning the early Indian wars waged in New England, informs us that he visited and found in a "foaming sweat leading the dance." But being informed of his arrival "she broke off" and sat down. That visit was paid her Tuesday, June 15, 1675. At a second visit,

* The postmasters of Assonet Village in Freetown, have been Stephen B. Pickens, Robert Strobridge, George Pickens, Guilford H. Hathaway and Joshua Shove. Daniel L. Johnson is now (1874) the postmaster.

† Josiah Winslow was made commander of the local militia of Marshfield in 1652; Major Commandant of Plymouth Colony militia in 1658; Governor of that Colony in June, 1673, and General of the combined forces of Massachusetts, Plymouth and Connecticut Colonies in King Philip's war, 1675.

Saturday, June 10, 1676, she seated herself by his side and accepted his invitation to regale herself by drinking *occapechees** from his callabash.

These grounds were once the property of Maj. Roger Golding, who rescued Capt. Benjamin Church from his perilous situation at the battle of the Pease Field, fought July 9, 1675. Stirring were the scenes enacted on this spot at the commencement of the war of the American Revolution, as here it was that Gen. Timothy Ruggles,† of Hardwick, sought and found refuge from the threats and menaces of the Dartmouth whigs, who gave him a specified time to remain in their town, cut off his horse's tail, daubed the animal's body with paint, and threatened further indignities and greater punishment to the owner if he remained after the sun was an hour high the next morning.

The horse-block still remains where the chop-fallen General dismounted from his disfigured nag, and was kindly greeted, sheltered and shielded by the then powerful but ere long powerless Col. Thomas Gilbert.

Here probably were concocted the plans, and from this place, under cover of night, set out the expedition to Berkley that succeeded in its design by cutting down the liberty pole that at sunset was in stately grandeur standing on the

* Occapechees signified little strong drinks. A callabash was made from a gourd or a cocoa-nut shell.

† Ruggles, Timothy, lawyer, politician, and loyalist, b. Rochester, Mass., 11 Oct. 1711; d. Wilmot, N. S., 4 Aug. 1785. H. U. 1732. Son of Rev. Timothy, minister of Rochester 1710–68. He practised law successfully at Sandwich, and then at Hardwick; was a member of the legislature in 1736; and at the battle of Lake George in 1755 was a Brig.-General and second in command. Appointed Judge of of C. C. P. in 1756, and was Chief Justice from 1762 until the Revolution; Speaker of the Assembly in 1762–3; many years an influential member of that body; delegate to the Stamp-act Congress in New York, in 1765, and its president, but refused to concur in its measures, and was reprimanded by the legislature. Adhering to the royal cause, he took refuge in Boston, where, in 1775, he endeavored, without success, to raise a corps of loyalists, and on the departure of the British troops accompanied them to Nova Scotia, and became one of the proprietors of the town of Digby. A wit, scholar, lawyer, he was rude in speech and manner, but was an impressive pleader and an able debater. In Mrs. Warren's dramatic piece, "The Group," he figures as Brigadier Hateall.—[DRAKE's Dict. of Am. Biography.

"Common," but the next morning hacked, mutilated and marred, was being derisively dragged about in the mud and filth of the streets of Assonet Village, and calling forth the doggerel in which occurs the language,

"The liberty pole
They say is stole,
We hear some dreadful stories;
Last Friday night
It took its flight
And went among the tories."

Here also, *in statu quo*, are the stone steps that furnished the tory Col. Thomas Gilbert a rostrum, when under cover of "king's arms well loaded," he delivered that remarkable speech to the assembled patriots of Bristol County, whom he branded as "a poor set of deluded rebels." This place, as a tory head quarters and chief rallying point of the loyalists of Bristol County and alarm post of the battalion that had received from Gen. Gage king's arms with equipments, and trained in the king's name, became the principal point of attack, as, early on that memorable morning of Monday, April 9, 1775, the exasperated patriots from every town in the county came down so suddenly and completely wiped out every vestige of British power, causing the tories to sue for mercy at the feet of those they had so lately derided, insulted and despised.

Eleven years later came another "tug of war," when those who could not use liberty without abusing it (encouraged by those who had been vanquished on the battle fields of the Revolution*), by force and arms attempted the

* It is a noteworthy fact that Bennett, of Dartmouth, who figured so conspicuously as a rebel leader at Taunton, that a part of the "Shays men" were for giving him the command instead of David Valentine on that occasion, was dressed in a British uniform, then most hateful to the eyes of the patriots of the Revolution.

Five years before, the *impracticables* and tories of Freetown, through the ballot-box, had attempted to bring about the same anarchy they now sought to establish by the cartridge-box, the presiding officer at a town meeting for the election of town officers declaring that anybody and everybody had a right to vote, whether taxed or paying a tax or not, those under as well as those over 21 years of age, and proceeded

destruction of the government, and the same community that in the opening scenes of the Revolution voted by a large majority against freedom, now led off in the councils of rebellion, anarchy and confusion; and as Freetown had then furnished the acknowledged head and leader of Bristol County tories, so did it of the malcontents of the same territory or section of country in the Shays rebellion; and singularly enough, too, this identical spot was again the chief point of operations, being now owned by Col. Benjamin Weaver, a government man, thoroughly enlisted, soul and body, for the cause of "law and order," an uncompromising opponent of agrarianism, libertinism, or jacobinism, under whatever guise it appeared, or by what name soever policy dictated to have it called.

As commander of the local militia and keeper of the town's stock of ammunition, he and his dwelling place were the principal themes of thought and conversation, both of friends and foes; and that in the town which furnished the acknowledged leader of the rebels of the entire county, Col. Weaver should have saved for and kept in the possession of the government party the town's stock of ammunition and munitions of war, when a majority probably of the train-band of the town were sympathizers with, aiders and abettors of rebellion, shows most conclusively that he must have been fully alive to the proper sense of his duty, and proved himself the "right man in the right place." Some other officials yielded, and the town stock of at least one town in this county at that time was turned over to the rebels; but in Freetown, the *banner town*, the hot-bed, the county head-quarters of rebellion, these town stores were retained and used only for a legitimate purpose.

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accordingly. The legislature of the State interfered, declaring all acts of that meeting to be illegal, ordering another election, and appointing a moderator or presiding officer, who would govern the meeting "according to law," instead of setting at defiance the dictates of reason, common honesty and common sense.

Again, in 1832, when occurred that most disgraceful outbreak, and brutal demonstration of mobocracy on the part of a body of our people, who influenced by rum and devoid of reason, broke the quarantine laws, and in their mad career came very near committing the crime of murder, while ducking and dragging under water the health officer, this spot was that against which rum and riot directed its most envenomed shafts and bitterest spite, as Mr. George Pickens then kept the post-office here, and he was also a Selectman of the town, who in his official capacity had been instrumental in establishing the quarantine regulations.

Although only ten years of age at the time, well do I remember when that band of brutal bipeds* landed at one of the wharves, and with swinging bludgeons, clenched fists, loud shouts, boisterous, vulgar imprecations and horrid oaths, came prancing up Water Street as if because twenty large and able-bodied men had nearly killed an old, feeble and decrepid one, each had thus acquired immortal honors, and henceforth all creation must bow to their inebriated beck and tremble at their drunken nod. But this is neither the proper time nor place to give the disgusting details of that disgraceful transaction.†

Nearly all the first floor of the old post-office building is now used as a tenement. The second and third floors con-

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* The poet Byron says :

"By which the man, when heavenly light was ceased,
Became a helpless, naked, biped beast."

† This quarantine was established on account of the frightful ravages of the Asiatic cholera, then for the first time visiting this continent, and in New York burying whole families in one grave. Having, as we then did, quite a large number of vessels plying between our port and that of New York, the quarantine was only a proper precaution, to omit which would have been an act of criminal negligence. "Simon's Rock," so called, was the landmark, from the top of which, attached to a pole, floated a long, triangular red flag. Here inward-bound vessels were required to stop and submit to inspection by health officers. Joseph Dean, of Berkley, a health officer, while in pursuance of his duty on the deck of one of these vessels, was seized by those on board, bound with a rope and thrown into the river, barely escaping with his life.

stitute Peirce's Hall, so called, that for several years was used by the town for political gatherings and elections. On the second floor of this building was drilled the Assonet Light Infantry company, raised in 1818 and disbanded in 1831 ;* and here too were drilled the second Light Infantry company, organized in 1850 and disbanded in 1862 ;† and here also was commenced the enlistment and for a time quartered the recruits obtained for companies F and G‡ of the 29th Regiment of Infantry,§ of which, at its organization (Dec. 13, 1861), the writer received the commission of Colonel. Here, too, the Native American party of 1854 had

* That company of light infantry was organized in June, 1818, by commissioning Hon. Rufus Bacon Captain, John H. Peirce Lieutenant, and Thomas Evans Ensign. The uniform consisted of blue jackets with bell buttons, white pantaloons, felt caps with brass plates and white plumes tipped with red. Performed duty for the last time in autumn of 1828 or spring of 1829. Flank company to 5th Regiment.

† The 2d light infantry was organized June 29, 1850, with Ebenezer W. Peirce Captain, Augustus C. Barrows Lieutenant, and Giles L. Leach 2d Lieutenant. Disbanded in 1862. Uniform at first blue broadeloth jackets with yellow buttons, white pantaloons and common glazed caps with gilt band. This was succeeded by blue frock coats, blue pantaloons with white stripe, caps covered with blue cloth and white pompon. It was Co. G of 3d Regiment in 2d Brigade, 1st Division, M.V.M., and performed a tour of duty in three months' service, 1861.

‡ The food for these men was cooked and served in the basement, the passage to which is under the piazza seen in the picture of the old post-office building. The men were lodged on the second floor.

§ Commissioned Officers of Companies composing the 29th Regiment:

Company A.—Thomas W. Clarke, of Boston, Captain, April 20, 1861. Joshua Norton, 3d, of Boston, Lieutenant, May 7, 1861. George W. Taylor, of Cambridge, 2d Lieutenant, July 31, 1861.

Company B.—Israel N. Wilson, of Billerica, Captain, July 24, 1861. Ezra Ripley, of Cambridge, Lieutenant, July 24, 1861. Thomas H. Adams, of Boston, 2d Lieutenant, April 20, 1861.

Company C.—Lebbeus Leach, of East Bridgewater, Captain, May 14, 1861. Nathan D. Whitman, of East Bridgewater, Lieutenant, May 1, 1861. Wm. B. Hathaway, of East Bridgewater, 2d Lieutenant, Sept. 11, 1861.

Company D.—Charles Brady, of Sandwich, Captain, Jan. 4, 1862. Henry A. Kern, of Sandwich, Lieutenant, Jan. 4, 1862. Augustus D. Ayling, of Lowell, 2d Lieutenant, Jan. 4, 1862.

Company E.—Samuel H. Doten, of Plymouth, Captain, May 6, 1861. John B. Collinwood, of Plymouth, Lieutenant, May 6, 1861. Thomas A. Mayo, of Plymouth, 2d Lieutenant, May 6, 1861. He was killed in battle, June 27, 1862.

Company F.—Willard D. Tripp, of Taunton, Captain, Dec. 13, 1861. John A.

a "council fire,"* and here the writer, while holding the commission of a trial Justice, held courts.†

The remains of Major Joseph Weaver rest in the ancient cemetery or town burial ground lying just within the northerly limits of Fall River. His grave is marked by substantial slate stones, bearing legible inscriptions.

Major Joseph Weaver was never married, but tradition informs that an engagement of marriage existed between him and Miss Content Bourne, of Somerset, that his death prevented its consummation, and she finally became the wife of Capt. John H. Peirce,‡ of Freetown.

Sayles, of Somerset, Lieutenant, Dec. 13, 1861. Thomas H. Husband, of Taunton, 2d Lieutenant, Dec. 13, 1861.

Company G.—Charles T. Richardson, of Pawtucket, Captain, Dec. 16, 1861. Freeman A. Taber, of New Bedford, Lieut., Dec. 16, 1861. Charles D. Browne, of Boston, 2d Lieutenant, Jan. 1, 1862.

Company H.—Henry R. Sibley, of Charlestown, Captain, Dec. 17, 1861. Daniel W. Lee, of Charlestown, Lieutenant, Dec. 17, 1861. Wm. R. Corlew, of Somerville, 2d Lieutenant, Dec. 17, 1861. He was dismissed the service, Nov. 22, 1862.

Company I.—Wm. D. Chamberlain, of Lynn, Captain, April 19, 1861. Abram A. Oliver, of Lynn, Lieutenant, April 19, 1861. John E. Smith, of Lynn, 2d Lieutenant, April 19, 1861.

Company K.—James H. Osgood, Jr., of Boston, Captain, Jan. 4, 1862. Wm. T. Keen, of Boston, Lieutenant, Jan. 4, 1862. John P. Burbeck, of Boston, 2d Lieutenant, Jan. 4, 1862.

Alfred O. Brooks, of Boston, Dec. 30, 1861, and Wm. Pray, of Boston, Lieutenants, to be assigned when the Adjutant and Quarter Master were appointed.

* After the defeat of the Native American party in Massachusetts, the writer visited the "Annawon Rock," so called, in Rehoboth, where Benjamin Church captured the successor of Metacom, or King Philip, chief of the Pokanokets, and there detached a piece of the rock, as near as possible to where Annawon was lying when surprised by the mighty Nimrod of the red man, that he might present it as a memento to Governor Henry J. Gardner, the leader and chief standard bearer of *modern natives*, when their star set in darkness, and as a relic from the spot where the last lingering hope of the red man and original Native American perished.

† The writer has preserved a concise record of his official acts as a Trial Justice for the term of fourteen years that he held that commission. He also has a record of his doings as a Coroner for twenty-seven years.

‡ He kept a store in the building now used as a Town Clerk's office and Selectmen's and Assessors' room. John H. Peirce succeeded Hon. Rufus Bacon as Captain of Assonet Light Infantry company. He was a Deputy Sheriff for Bristol Co.

Joseph B. Weaver, Esq. (No. 32) and wife Mercy B. Bump had:

(36) Betsey D., b. Oct. 18, 1831; m. Sept. 5, 1855, H. Elbridge Tinkham, of Middleboro'. He was an officer in the Union Navy in the late war. She is a subscriber to this work. They reside in Freetown.

(37) Benjamin, b. Feb. 24, 1833; m. Oct. 26, 1859, Adeline Anthony, of New Bedford. He is a printer, and they reside in Springfield. He is a patron of this work.

(38) Orleans J., b. Jan. 8, 1837; d. April 26, 1838. Buried in the new cemetery near Assonet Village, and has suitable gravestones.

Benjamin Weaver (No. 37) and wife Adeline Anthony had:

(39) Addie, b. July 2, 1871.

More space has been allotted to the consideration of the Weaver family than to any one of the surnames of the eighteen families that precede it, not because the writer deemed it of more consequence, but because he had obtained a greater amount of information concerning this than any of the others; and as said the Apostle to the impotent man who lay at the gate called Beautiful, so says the writer to his readers, as he seeks to open to them the gates of this kind of knowledge, "such as I have, give I thee."

In the history of families as in that of nations, it frequently occurs that they who mar and mutilate, afterwards deeply mourn for the memories of those they have maltreated, bedewing with the scalding tears of bitter regrets the graves of those who when in life they had pierced through with many sorrows, erecting mouments over the ashes of those their own hands had slain, and whitening the sepulchres of such as they have persecuted to madness and tortured to death.

The writer freely confesses that he has no confidence in or fellowship for such repentance, as observation has taught him that such conduct is repeated whenever an opportunity occurs, no matter how sorry the sinning party may have appeared or how deeply suffered. Such a repentance comes too late for reparation, and it is because it is too late that it comes at all.

It is not as an act of penance that I have labored to keep green the memory of my parents in this the work of years, and to accomplish which have denied myself of many other enjoyments; nor would I boast, but to speak the words of truth and soberness; do say that the toil has been sweetened and the burden lightened by the reflection that my love and regard for those parents when in life was exemplified in my acts and conduct towards them, else I would now have remained silent and dumb in a grief that wholly lacked expression, propounding to myself the question,

> "Can storied urn, or animated bust,
> Back to its mansion call the fleeting breath?
> Can honor's voice provoke the silent dust,
> Or flattery soothe the dull, cold ear of death?"

THE WILLIAMS FAMILY.

Second upon the list of purchasers of Cohannet, alias Taunton, stood the name of Richard Williams. Henry Uxley headed that list, and his house-lot not long after became the property of Richard Williams.

To Miss Elizabeth Pool, a lady of family and fortune from Taunton, in Somersetshire, England, has been accorded the honor of being the foundress of this Taunton in the then wilderness of America, where she "employed the opportunities of her virgin state in piety," and here died, May 21, 1654.

The leading position that Richard Williams maintained in this settlement has for him as universally won the title of "father of Taunton," as for Miss Pool that of foundress.

Richard Williams was a Welshman from Glaymorganshire, Wales, and a tradition in the Williams family asserts that he was by blood related to Oliver Cromwell,* and some very good reasons are given to support the belief that Richard Williams, the father of Taunton, was a natural brother of the more renowned Roger Williams, that chief among the apostles of religious liberty, and founder of the Colony of Rhode Island.

Francis Dighton was the name of Richard Williams's wife, who came from Somersetshire, England. She was a sister of Catherine Dighton, who became the wife of Gov. Thomas Dudley, and the mother of Gov. Joseph Dudley

* One of Cromwell's ancestors bore the name of Richard Williams, and Williams was formerly the surname of Cromwell's family. This they changed for an estate. [See Baylies's History of Plymouth Colony.]

and Judge Paul Dudley; and thus we see that in the veins of this distinguished "Old Colony" family of Williams ran the same blood as in that of the Dudley family of the Massachusetts or "Bay Colony."

Taunton originally embraced the present towns of Berkley, Dighton, Easton, Mansfield, Norton and Raynham, these having at different periods become distinct townships.

Dighton was the first to become detached from Taunton, as it did in 1712, or one hundred and sixty-two years since. It was the first-born of Taunton, and this "first fruit" received its name in honor of the maiden name of Frances, the wife of Richard Williams, of Taunton, and mother of that branch of the Williams family whose genealogy is hereafter presented, and a very brief account of their history considered.

The writer claims for this sketch no considerable degree of completeness, as it contains only the recital of such facts as have come almost casually to his knowledge, and are here presented for two reasons: first, because "every particle of historic truth is precious;" and second, that he is a lineal descendant of Richard Williams, of Taunton, and wife Frances Dighton, through their fourth son Nathaniel Williams and his wife Elizabeth Rogers, granddaughter Elizabeth Williams and her husband John Macomber, great-granddaughter Elizabeth Macomber and her husband William Rounsevill, and great-great-granddaughter Elizabeth Rounsevill and her husband Capt. Job Peirce. Col. John Hay,* associate editor of the New York Tribune, is lineally

* Hay, John, poet and journalist, b. Salem, Ind., 8 Oct. 1839. B. U. 1858. Son of Dr. Charles, who comes of a family of Kentucky pioneers; and of Helen Leonard, of Bristol, R. I. Studied law in Springfield, Ill., with Logan & Hay. Immediately on being admitted to the bar, accompanied President Lincoln to Washington (1861), remaining with him almost constantly until his death, first as Assistant Secretary, and afterwards as Adjutant and Aide-de-Camp; served some months under Generals Hunter and Gillmore, attaining the rank of Colonel and Assistant Adjutant-Gen.; Secretary of Legation at Paris, 1865–7; *Chargé d'Affaires* at Vienna, 1867–8; Secretary of Legation at Madrid, 1869–70; and since Nov. 1870, has been associated editorially with the New York Tribune. His parents have resided in Warsaw, Ill.,

descended through the same channel, being a great-grandson of Capt. Job Peirce and wife Elizabeth Rounsevill.

Rev. William R. Alger,* the scholar, author and orator, is also a lineal descendant, he being a great-great-grandson of William Rounsevill and wife Elizabeth Macomber.

Richard Williams and wife Frances Dighton had:

(2) John.

(3) Samuel, m. Jane Gilbert. He was builder of the second meeting-house in Taunton, and commenced to raise the same May 19, 1729. It had two galleries, one above the other. [Capt. John Godfrey's Diary, and Tradition.]

(4) Joseph, m. Elizabeth Watson. He d. Aug. 17, 1692.

(5) Nathaniel, m. Nov. 17, 1668, Elizabeth, a daughter of John Rogers, of Duxbury. Their daughter Elizabeth Williams, b. April 18, 1686, m. John Macomber, of Taunton, and their daughter Elizabeth became the wife of William Rounsevill, of East Freetown, and mother of Elizabeth Rounsevill, the wife of Capt. Job Peirce, of Middleboro'. Capt. Job Peirce and wife were the grand-parents of the writer of this family history. After the death of William Rounsevill, Elizabeth, his widow, became the wife of Williams Ashley and mother of Noah, Micah, and Abiah Ashley. Abiah became the wife of Rev. Philip Hathaway and mother of Betsey, the wife of Edmund Hathaway, of Freetown. Elizabeth, daughter Abiah, and granddaughter Bet-

since 1841. Three brothers and two brothers-in-law were officers in the war for the Union. He has published (J. R. Osgood & Co.) "Pike County Ballads," and "Castilian Days," studies of Spanish life and character.—[Drake's Dict. of Amer. Biography.]

* Alger, William Rounsevill, clergyman and author, b. in Freetown, Mass., Dec. 30, 1822. Camb. Theol. School, 1847. In that year he became minister of a Unitarian Society at Roxbury, and in 1855 exchanged for a similar charge in Boston. He now preaches at the Music Hall, Boston. He published "A Symbolic History of the Cross of Christ," 1851; "The Poetry of the East," 1856. His chief work is "A Critical History of the Doctrines of a Future Life," with a Complete Bibliography of the subject, by Ezra Abbot, 1864. He also edited with an introduction in 1858, "Studies of Christianity by James Martineau." Contributor to the Christian Examiner and other periodicals.—[Duyckinck, from Drake's Dict. Am. Biog.]

sey, each attained to more than ninety years of age, length of years being evidently a legitimate inheritance.

(6) Thomas, m. Mary ——.

(7) Benjamin, m. March 18, 1690, Rebecca Macy.

(8) Elizabeth, b. 1647; m. John Bird, of Dorchester. He was Selectman and Assessor of Dorchester in 1694, '95 and '96. He was born March 11, 1641; died Aug. 2, 1732. She died Oct. 20, 1724. He made a will, Nov. 11, 1724.

(9) Hannah, m. John Parmenter, of Boston.

Samuel Williams (No. 3) and wife ~~Jane~~ Gilbert had:

(10) Mary, m. Henry Andrews, of Taunton.

(11) Sarah, m. Jan. 6, 1681, Benj. Dean, of Taunton. He died in 1725, and was a son of Walter Dean.

(12) Hannah, b. 1670; m. Samuel Burns, of Taunton. She died June 20, 1708, aged 38 years.

(13) Seth, b. 1676; m. Mary Dean. He was Judge of the Court of Common Pleas. He died May 13, 1761. She was a daughter of John Dean, and was b. 1680.

(14) Samuel, b. 1680; m. Abigail ——. He died April 17, 1765. She died Feb. 23, 1779, in her 94th year.

(15) Daniel, b. 1682; m. Mercy Dean. He died Sept. 7, 1735. She was a daughter of Thomas Dean and wife Catherine Stephens.

Joseph Williams (No. 4) and wife Elizabeth Watson had:

(16) Elizabeth, b. July 30, 1669; drowned Oct. 13, 1688.

(17) Richard, b. Nov. 26, 1671; died July 13, 1688.

(18) Mehitabel, b. June 7, 1676; m. Increase Robinson, of Taunton.

(19) Joseph, b. Feb. 13, 1678[9]

(20) Benjamin, b. Oct. 15, 1681; m. Dec. 4, 1707, Elizabeth Dean. He died Jan. 10, 1757. She died March 18, 1758. He was a deacon, and lived in what is now Mansfield.

(21) Ebenezer, b. April 21, 1685.

(22) Phebe, b. Sept. 25, 1687; m. Christopher Richmond, of Middleboro.'

(23) Richard, b. March 26, 1689.

NATHANIEL WILLIAMS (No. 5) and wife ELIZABETH ROGERS had:

(24) John, b. Aug. 27, 1675.

(25) Nathaniel, b. April 9, 1679.

(26) Elizabeth, b. April 18, 1686; m. in or before 1708, John Macomber, of Taunton. She died May 2, 1732. He died Dec. 14, 1747. He was b. March 18, 1681. Their daughter Elizabeth m. William Rounsevill, and had a daughter Elizabeth Rounsevill who married Capt. Job Peirce, of Middleboro'.

THOMAS WILLIAMS (No. 6) and wife MARY MACY —— had:

(27) Mary, b. 1680; m. Ebenezer Robinson, of Raynham.

(28) Jonathan, b. 1683; m. Elizabeth Leonard. He d. April 7, 1761, in his 78th year.

(29) Sarah, b. 1685; m. James Hall, of Raynham.

(30) Macy, b. 1687.

(31) Hannah, b. 1689; m. Joseph Snell, of Bridgewater. He was born in 1683; died in 1736.

(32) Bethiah, b. 1692; m. Maj. Joseph Hodges, of Norton. He was Major of the Bristol Co. Regiment sent to Cape Breton in 1745, and participated in the reduction of Louisburg, June 17, 1745. He lost his life, as did also Ebenezer Pitts, Lieut.-Colonel of the same regiment. Sylvester Richmond, of Dighton, was Colonel, and surviving the perils of flood and field, returned home and was appointed to the office of High Sheriff of Bristol County. Was buried in Dighton, and has gravestone bearing inscription.

(33) Mehitabel, b. 1695; m. Rev. Benjamin Webb, of Eastham.

(34) Damaris, b. 1698; m. 1724, Daniel Howard, Esq. of Bridgewater. He represented that town in the General Court many years. He died in 1779, aged 80 years.

Benjamin Williams (No. 7) and wife Rebecca Macy had:

(35) Rebecca, b. Nov. 27, 1690; m. Samuel Pitts, and afterwards James Williams. They were both of Taunton.

(36) Josiah, b. Nov. 7, 1692; m. Martha Howard.

(37) Benjamin, b. July 31, 1695.

(38) John, b. March 27, 1699.

John Bird and wife Elizabeth Williams (No. 8) had:

(39) John, b. Dec. 25, 1670; d. Aug. 5, 1745.

(40) Abiel, b. 1673.

(41) Damaris, b. Sept. 18, 1675; m. —— Howes.

(42) Mehitabel, m. —— Blake.

(43) Hannah, b. Dec. 19, 1677; m. Sept. 1, 1699, John Dean,* of Taunton. He was born Sept. 18, 1674; d. July 31, 1724; she died July 15, 1748.

(44) Samuel, b. April 14, 1680; d. March 20, 1740.

(45) Elizabeth, b. Jan. 4, 1682; m. John Brighton. She died Dec. 5, 1732.

(46) Catherine, b. March 14, 1685; m. March 20, 1705, Israel Dean, of Taunton. He was b. Aug. 4, 1685.

(47) Dighton, b. Nov. 10, 1687; m. a Mr. Myrick.

(48) Silence, b. Feb. 14, 1690; m. Aug. 5, 1713, William Wright, and after his death she m. Dec. 4, 1718, Joshua Clap.

(49) Jane, b. June, 25, 1693; m. —— Wilbur.

Benjamin Dean and wife Sarah Williams (No. 11) had:

(50) Naomi, b. Nov. 1, 1681; d. Jan. 6, 1682.

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* Son of John Dean and wife Sarah Edson. John, the father, born in or about 1639; was the first white child born in Taunton. Died during the great snow, Feb. 18, 1718. Has a gravestone in the ancient cemetery at neck of land in Taunton.

(51) Hannah, b. Dec. 26, 1682; m. —— Richmond.

(52) Israel, b. Feb. 2, 1685; m. Mrs. Ruth Jones, of Sandwich. He died March 27, 1760. She died 1759.

(53) Mary, b. June 15, 1687; m. —— Edson.

(54) Damaris, b. Sept. 4, 1689; m. Matthew White.

(55) Sarah, b. Aug. 30, 1692; m. —— Danforth.

(56) Elizabeth, b. March 26, 1695; m. —— Richmond.

(57) Mehitabel, b. June 9, 1697; m. —— Richmond.

(58) Benjamin, b. July 31, 1699; m. Zipporah Dean. He died Jan. 6, 1755. She died Sept. 27, 1778.

Benjamin the parent was a son of Walter Dean. He died in 1725. Walter was born in Chard, England, in or near 1616.

John Macomber and wife Elizabeth Williams (No. 26) had:

(59) Nathaniel, b. 1708; m. Nov. 13, 1735, Priscilla Southworth, of Middleboro'. He died Nov. 12, 1787. She died Oct. 30, 1793. He was deacon of Taunton and Middleboro' Congag. Church, "Precinct," so called.

(60) Josiah, b. 1710; m. Nov. 29, 1736, Ruth Paul, of Berkley. He died Nov. 8, 1801; commissioned Lieutenant in 1762. [Berkley Records, Gravestones and State Recs.]

(61) John, m. Jan. 27, 1747, Elizabeth Finney, of Middleboro'. [Middleboro' Town Records.]

(62) James, b. 1715; m. Feb. 4, 1747, Rachel Drake. He died Dec. 31, 1803. She died Dec. 1, 1809, aged 83.

(63) Elijah, b. 1718; m. first, Judith Williams, who d. Dec. 1, 1743; m. second, Sarah Pitts. He d. Feb. 3, 1802. She d. May 30, 1810. He was commissioned, 1762, Ensign of the fifth company in Taunton; promoted to Captain in or about 1771. By second wife was born Sarah, who became the wife of Capt. Joseph Atwood, of Dighton. Mrs. Sarah Atwood died Oct. 30, 1857, aged 104 years, 2 months and 3 days. [Gravestones and State Records.]

(64) Joseph, m. —— Canedy. [Testimony of Mrs. Atwood when 103 years of age.]

(65) Elizabeth, m. William Rounsevill, of East Free town. He died Jan. 31, 1744; was b. Oct. 10, 1705, at twenty-seven minutes past 6 o'clock in the afternoon. She m. second, Williams Ashley. [Freetown Record, Grave stone and Tradition.]

(66) Abiah, m. Lieut. Israel Dean, of Taunton.

(67) Hannah, m. John Smith. [See account of above family in Macomber genealogy, page 199 of this book.]

Joseph Snell and wife Hannah Williams (No. 31) had:

(68) Joseph, b. 1713.
(69) Mary, b. 1716; m. 1737, Abiah Keith.
(70) Charles, b. 1717.
(71) Jonathan, b. 1718.
(72) Martha, b. 1719.
(73) Ann, b. 1720.
(74) Nathaniel, b. 1721.
(75) Solomon, b. 1723.
(76) Hannah, b. 1724; m. 1746, Nathan Keith.
(77) Mehitabel, b. 1727.
(78) Seth, b. 1730; m. 1751, Samuel Bisbee.
(79) Martha, b. 1732.

Major Joseph Hodges* and wife Bethiah Williams (No. 32) had:

(80) Joseph, b. April 25, 1714. He was a Captain in the French and Indian war, and was slain in battle.

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* Major Joseph Hodges raised one of the companies of the Bristol county regiment sent to Cape Breton in 1745, that now called the Louisburg expedition of the "Old French War." Hodges was promoted to Major, and Ebenezer Pitts to Lieut.-Colonel. Both lost their lives in the expedition. The following are the names of the enlisted men of Hodges's company, where born, and age of each in 1745:—*Sergeants*, Richard Cobb, Taunton, 28. Bailey Bishop, Attleboro', 30. Benjamin Easty, Ipswich, 43. Nehemiah Fisher, Taunton, 41.

Corporals, Eliphalet Hodges, Taunton, 27. Joseph Tiffany, Portsmouth, 55. Richard Glen, Freetown, 25. Robert Tiffany, Attleboro', 28.

Clerk, Elhanan Lyon, Dorchester, 30.

Drummer, Thomas Braman, Norton, 28.

(81) Charity, b. March 20, 1716; m. Lieut.-Col. James Winslow, of Freetown. He was killed by an accident, being run over by a loaded wagon or sled coming down the hill a little east of where Howland Peirce now lives.

(82) Timothy, b. Oct. 11, 1718; m. Lydia Cox.

(83) Jonathan, b. Feb. 26, 1721; m. Abigail Sanford.

(84) Bethiah, b. Nov. 30, 1723; m. May 9, 1744, Brig.-Gen. George Godfrey, of Taunton. She died Jan. 27, 1786. He was the first Brigadier General of the Bristol Co. brigade in the local militia of Mass. [See Godfrey Genealogy.]

(85) Mary, born July 2, 1726.

(86) Isaac, b. Feb. 4, 1728; m. Mary Pratt, of Mansfield. He died March, 1807.

(87) Mehitabel, b. Oct. 24, 1731.

Daniel Howard, Esq. and wife Damaris Williams (No. 34) had:

(88) Mary, b. 1727; m. 1754, Col. Simeon Cary, of

Private Soldiers, Philip Atherton, Norton, 23. Edward Blancher, Ireland, 22. Jeremiah Campbell, Norton, 29. Henry Crossman, Taunton, 35. John Caperon, Barrington, 18. Micajah Dorman, Norton, 22. Edward Day, Rehoboth, 29. Thomas Fillebrown, Cambridge, 29. Abijah Fisher, Norton, 24. John Fisher, Norton, 21. Eleazer Fisher, Norton, 17. John Forrest, Norton, 22. Isaiah Forrest, Norton, 21. Samuel Forrest, Norton, 19. Ephraim French, Braintree, 20. Jacob French, Braintree, 17. Thomas Groves, Norton, 20. Benjamin Hodges, Taunton, 18. Heber Honestman, Dorchester, 43. Zephaniah Lane, Norton, 19. Aaron Knapp, Freetown, 50. John Rogers, Taunton, 20. Ephraim Sheldon, Marblehead, 17. Peter Thayer, Braintree, 48. Ebenezer Turner, Dedham, 28. Ephraim Thayer, Norton, 18. Abraham White, Taunton, 26. Daniel White, 20. John Weeks, Attleboro', 17. Benjamin Wood, Middleboro', 19.

Besides these were seven enlisted men carried over to the command of Capt. Nathaniel Williams, viz.: John Finney, John Finney, Jr., Jonathan Lane, Thomas Slack, Francis Burdit, Amos Pratt and Andrew Brune.

The will of Major Joseph Hodges bore date of Feb. 25, 1745. His oldest son, Joseph, born April 25, 1714, was Captain in the French and Indian War, and was slain in battle. Major Hodges wore a silver-hilted sword that at his death became the property of his son, Capt. Joseph Hodges, and at his death this fell to his son, Joseph Hodges, who, as a Lieutenant of the patriot army, in the war of American revolution, also wore that sword. He was 1st Lieutenant of Capt. Israel Trow's company, in service at Rhode Island in August, 1780. [Clark's Hist. Norton, and Hodges Genealogy.]

Bridgewater, who was a Captain in the French and Indian war, and a Colonel in the Revolution.

(89) Barnabas, b. 1730.

(90) Silence, m. 1763, Col. Josiah Hayden, of Bridgewater, of the 3d Regiment of the local militia in Plymouth Co. Josiah Hayden was commissioned Colonel July 1, 1781, with Aaron Hobart, of Abington, as his Lieut.-Colonel, and Robert Orr, of Bridgewater, Major. He resigned in or about 1783, as on the 27th of Aug. in that year Hobart was promoted to Colonel, Orr to Lieut.-Colonel, and Thomas Allen to Major of that regiment. At the Lexington Alarm, April 19, 1775, Col. Hayden was Captain of a company of Minute Men raised in Bridgewater.*

There are many things in this life that the writer despises, and for which his words fail to express the contempt that he feels, and one of these is the act of theft. On every manly heart is firmly imprinted and deeply engraven, "Thou shalt not steal." Theft is not confined to the improper and unlawful taking of goods and chattels, for "who steals my purse steals trash" in comparison with him that robs of a good name; and to appropriate the literary labors of another, claiming the same as our own, is to my mind one of the meanest acts, and shows the actor to be a sneak thief in principle and practice. I have sought in this work to give all credit due, and will add my indebtedness to a book entitled "Ministry of Taunton," by Rev. S. Hopkins Emory.

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* "Minute Men" of Bridgewater, April 19, 1775.

Josiah Hayden, *Captain*. Nathan Packard and Zechariah Gurney, *Lieutenants*. Reuben Packard, Joseph Cole and Henry Kingman, *Sergeants*. Wm. Packard. Timothy Ames and Jeremiah Beals, *Corporals*. Eleazer Cole and Sylvanus Packard, *Drummers*. *Privates*, Simeon Alden, Noah Ames, Daniel Ames, Forbes Field, Richard Field, Mark Ford, Japheth Beal, Simeon Brett, Samuel Brett, Seth Bryant, Wm. Cole, Ephraim Cole, Jonathan Carey, Daniel Dickerman, Nathan Edson, Barnabas Edson, Ephraim Groves, John Gurney, Micah Gurney, Anthony Dike, Robert Howard, Daniel Howard, Oliver Howard, Bela Howard, Simeon Keith, Jonathan Packard, Jonathan Perkins, Jr., James Reynolds, Lemuel Packard, Jacob Edson, Thomas Pratt, Joseph Reynolds, Joseph Sylvester, Charles Snell, Uriah Southworth, John Thompson, Enos Thayer, Ezekiel Washburn, Ebenezer Warren, Job Bryant and Manasseh Dickerman. [Records in Office of Secretary of State.]

CORRECTIONS.

"To Err is Human."

Page 20. Read H. R. Davoll, instead of Mary H. R. Davoll.

" 36. Omit the remark concerning President Abraham Lincoln, and also the statement concerning him on page 38.

" 55. Job, instead of John, was the christian name of Dr. Job Godfrey's son. The mistake was copied from Mr. Emory's Ministry of Taunton.

" 81. The person alluded to as a nephew of Col. Gilbert, I think did not bear that relation, but was a nephew to the colonel's son.

" 127. It was the township of Lisle to which Samuel Howland removed. Could not seasonably learn the fact.

" 132. Almira, wife of N. H. Evans, died while this book was in press.

" 134. Permilla and sister Sally are younger than their brother, Rollin B. Eaton.

Instead of Sumner Briggs, read Daniel S. Briggs, Esq.

" 137. Read Charles H. Read instead of Charles Read.

Daniel L. Macomber died in 1863, instead of 1868.

" 148. Charity Hoskins married Seth Anthony, instead of Paul Anthony. Tradition misled me.

" 150. Sarah Caswell, wife of Lieut. William Hoskins, was of Taunton.

" 174. Sally, instead of Deborah, was the name of Gilbert Tripp's first daughter.

" 190. Isaac Haskins's child was born in 1874, instead of 1844.

" 212. Add to list of Captains of 1st Company in Berkley, Samuel French, commissioned Aug. 26, 1789, and Levi French next after Giles G. Chase.

" 216. Capt. Elias Sampson and wife had other children than the two named, some of whom still live.

" 235. At the top, read Thomas instead of Edward Richmond.

" 255. East Freetown Light Infantry was Co. I instead of Co. F.

" 361. 4th Regiment was Infantry instead of Cavalry.

" 363. Gideon P. Hathaway, Esq., was in commission 21 years as a Justice of Peace, instead of seven.

" 408. In No. 69, omit Abiah Keith.

" " In No. 78, omit Samuel Bisbee.

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